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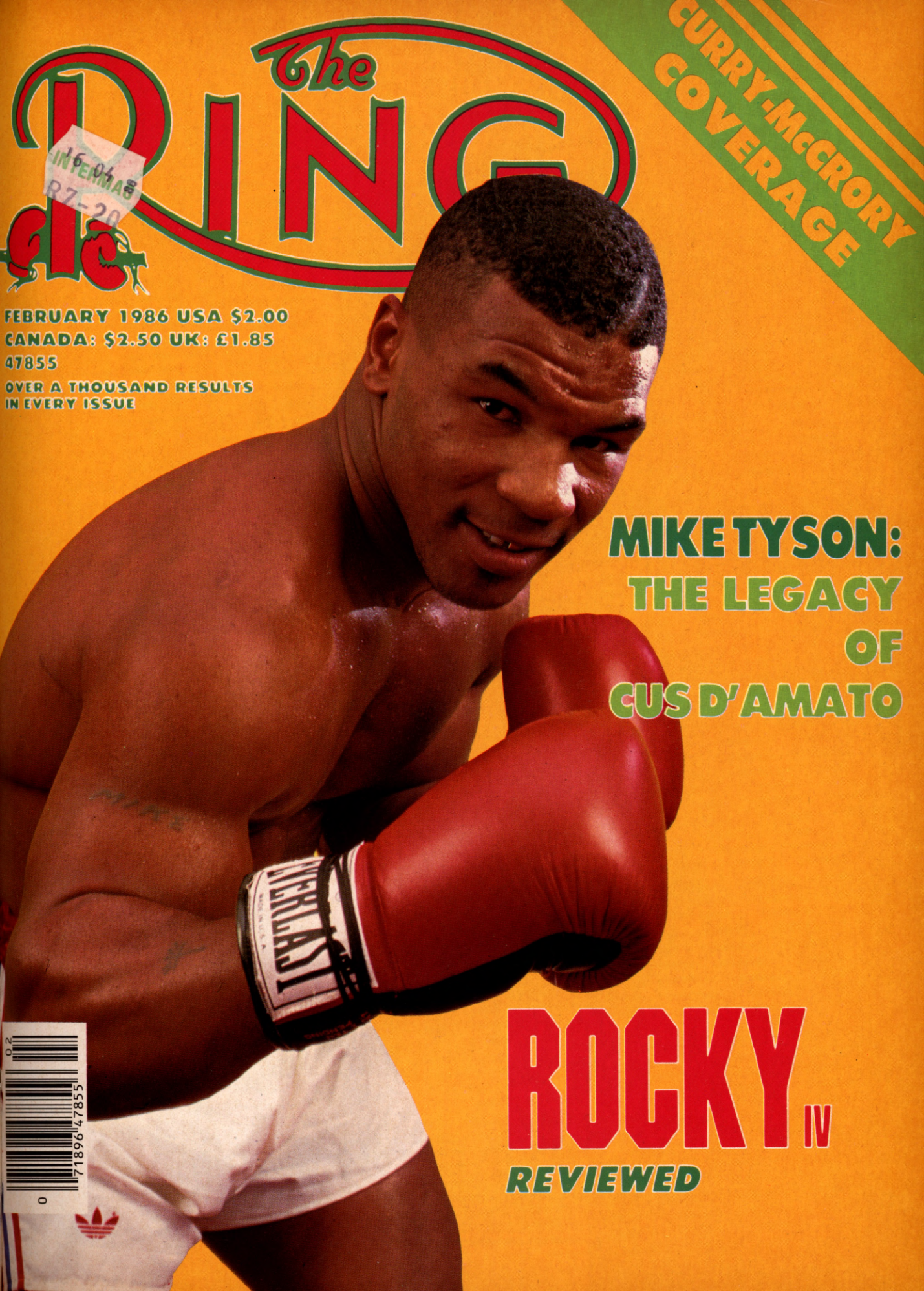

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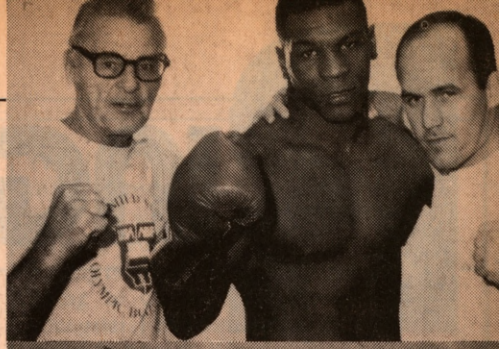

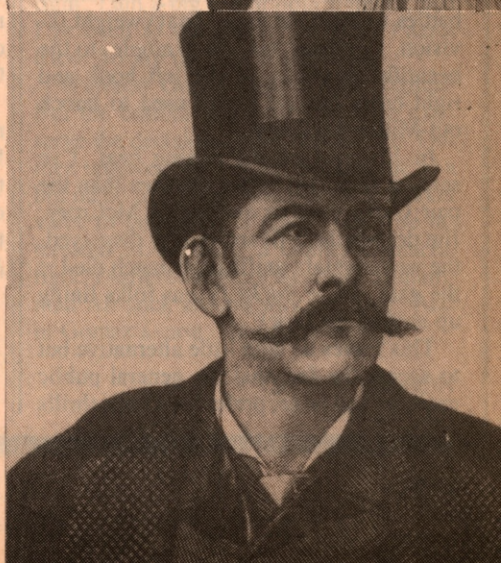

RINGSIDE

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HAVE YOU SEEN *ROCKY IV* YET? IF NOT, you're probably in the minority. According to all published reports, the latest chapter in the saga of Sylvester Stallone's celluloid boxer is breaking box office records faster than "Rambo" can pull the trigger of an M-60.

The American public's ongoing infatuation with Hollywood-style boxing is of particular interest to those of us who love the genuine article. Unfortunately, there seems to be little relationship between the huge success of Stallone's film fantasies and the often all too real world of professional boxing.

The most obvious contradiction, apparent to anyone who has seen a pro fight, is the gross exaggeration of Rocky's choreographed fight scenes. Both the hero and the villain absorb enough punishment in the course of their wildly overstated battles to kayo the entire heavyweight division. Compare this, for example, to the beautiful economy of the left hook and right cross Donald Curry used to knock out Milton McCrory.

In 12 years on the boxing beat, I've seldom seen two better punches than the pair Curry used to dispose of McCrory. But despite the brilliance Curry displayed, the welterweight unification match died at the gate, while *Rocky IV* has folks lining up around the block.

This leaves us with little alternative but to accept the fact that the general public must, by and large, prefer their fistic thrills wrapped up in a predictable, *cliché*-ridden package. But there's no need to sulk. Boxing has benefited, both directly and indirectly, from *Rocky*'s unparalleled popularity.

The *Rocky* series has, in a way, made it more socially acceptable to support boxing. I'm sure many people, influenced by seeing one or more of the movies, decided to give the "real thing" a try for the first time. And while the spill-over effect may not be that significant, it certainly hasn't hurt.

In a more direct way, Stallone has helped boxing by investing some of his vast fortune in the sport he used as a vehicle to stardom. He is partners with the Sands Hotel Casino and matchmaker Russell Peltz in Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd., a promotional group that puts on cards in Atlantic City and Philadelphia. Stallone also has a managerial interest in several fighters, including Aaron Pryor, Jeff Sims and Lee Canalito.

While some hard-core boxing buffs may resent the fact that America's best known fighter is an actor, let's try to appreciate the irony of the situation. Pablo Picasso once said: "Art is the lie that enables us to realize the truth." So it is with *Rocky I, II, III & IV*.

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COME OUT WRITING

Photo by Dwight Johnson

The debate over Wilfredo Gomez's controversial victory over Rocky Lockridge continues to rage. But reader Steve Wilson thinks, "enough is enough."

COONEY PRO & CON: TWO VIEWS FROM THE BRONX

THE FERVOR WITH WHICH MANY IN the boxing community have attacked the proposed Spinks-Cooney title match is astounding, not only for its vigor, but for its unbridled hypocrisy.

There is ample historical precedent to support the contention that a champion may select at least some of his opponents on the basis of their drawing power, rather than their legitimacy as contenders.

Many of those who now wish to deprive Michael Spinks of that which he has earned in the ring have only recently regained the use of their tongues. They were strangely silent while Larry Holmes was demeaning himself and his sport with his endless search for challengers the caliber of Marvis Frazier and Scott Frank.

These self appointed guardians of boxing's purity have stood by in the past when even greater travesties were perpetrated. Now they stand ready to retrieve lost honor. They should be congratulated, not only for their convenient memory, but their courageous conscience.

MICHAEL LISS
Bronx, New York

MANY THANKS TO NIGEL COLLINS for his December '85 'Ringside' editorial. It was a warning to all boxers, beginners and veterans, that they have to *earn* their way to the title of champion in the ring with skill and persistance—not by 'good looks.'

I hope Gerry Cooney saw the column.

RAYMOND L. MORALES
Bronx, New York

READER GETS NO KICK OUT OF KARATE

I'D LIKE TO WARN *THE RING* OF AN organization which I feel is trying to destroy boxing. This outfit is called the PKA (kick boxing). these people are hoping to someday replace boxing on the TV networks with this karate crap. They are conning promoters into having these kick boxing matches on boxing cards. They are trying to convince the public (mainly youngsters) that these kick boxers are superior to boxers. What really worries me is that they are trying to get youngsters who might get into boxing to take up this martial arts garbage instead.

ERIC GLIEBE
Parma, Ohio

TV NEWS GIVES BOXING SHORT SHRIFT

I HOPE THAT ALL SPORTSCASTERS who bring us the six o'clock news read this. Please start thinking of boxing as a sport! History was made when Michael Spinks lifted the heavyweight crown from Larry (Holmes). I was appalled when I watched the sports on the nightly news. Nothing was said about the fight until all of the college football and pro baseball scores were given. Even then, only a few remarks were made on the fight itself. One sportscaster said: "Who was the best heavyweight of all time? It may be Rocky Marciano, it may be Joe Louis, but it certainly isn't Larry Holmes." Why does this sportscaster, who probably devotes a total of half an hour per *year* to boxing, feel he can make such a "knowledgeable" statement?

CLIVE GARY
Wendover, Nevada

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

I'M TIRED AND ANGRY ABOUT THE recent letter by Dr. Gilberto Pagan (December '85) about the Gomez-Lockridge fight. I am a big fan of both fighters, and I've been to the lovely island of Puerto Rico. So my opinion is unbiased.

Wilfredo Gomez *was* a great fighter. But the bottom line is that he didn't deserve the decision against Lockridge. Gomez received the verdict because he is a big name in boxing, and has more market value to promoters. I really won't be interested in watching a Gomez-Camacho fight. I suffered enough watching Muhammad Ali stick around way too long. And in Gomez's case, enough is enough.

STEVE WILSON
Chicago, Ill.

Round One

by Nigel Collins

DON KING KAYOES IRS

Promoter Don King won the biggest battle of his career when a jury acquitted him of tax evasion charges after a seven-week federal trial in New York. At the conclusion of the trial, Don thanked each juror personally.

"Only in America," chimed King, who once served three and a half years for manslaughter. "A negative decision would have destroyed me in the business world."

Photo by Chris Farina

"Only in America," said promoter Don King after being acquitted of tax evasion charges. Don is pictured here at his patriotic best, strutting around the ring prior to one of his Las Vegas promotions.

On the downside, King's longtime assistant, Connie Harper, was found guilty of three counts of attempted tax evasion. Although Ms. Harper has yet to be sentenced, each count carries a maximum five-year prison sentence.

King, who prosecutors charged had failed to report $446,200 of income between 1978 and 1980, had been under investigation by various branches of the U.S. Government for the past five years. However, only the tax evasion charges ever led to an indictment.

In an effort to combat the negative publicity generated by these various investigations, Don launched a campaign to convince the American public that he is a super patriot. He invited 2,000 Marines to the Spinks-MacDonald / Ratliff-DeLeon championship doubleheader for a two-day, all expenses paid vacation in Las Vegas—a ploy that made favorable headlines across the nation. Don also began to parade around the ring at most of his promotions, waving a tiny American flag. What, if any, effect these blatant publicity stunts had on the outcome of King's trial is impossible to assess. But at the conclusion of the trial, five jurors asked for his autograph.

Shortly after his acquittal, King held a press conference in New York. He gave a bravura performance, perfectly cast in the role of innocent victim, wallowing in self-righteous indignation.

"Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press. I stand before you a free man," said Don, reading from a prepared statement. "Free in body, free in spirit and free in mind! It has been a long, hard and excruciatingly painful road. For more than five years, there has been one investigation after another and now, vindication. And to give the proper dimension, I take the cherished words of the late, great Dr. Martin Luther King: 'Free at last . . . Free at last . . . Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last.' "

Only in America? More like: Only in boxing!

JUST-WHAT-WE NEEDED DEPARTMENT

Okay, boxing fans, what's the last thing our sport needs right now? If you said, "Another governing body to add confusion to the already chaotic multi-championship situation," you'd be correct. But, nevertheless, that's exactly what we've got. A package recently arrived at *The Ring*'s editorial office heralding the founding of the Universal Boxing Association (UBA). The brainchild of Marion Hile and Jim Varney, the UBA will

Former heavyweight contender Chuck Wepner may be headed for a fall if he is convicted of pending drug charges. Brunswick, New Jersey cops claim they found four ounces of cocaine in Chuck's car.

Round One

recognize 13 weight divisions. Although the prospect of seeing 13 more names added to the already overcrowded list of so-called world "champions" is disheartening, the fact that this is a *universal* title is rather intriguing. The implications are limitless. I can envision an inter-planetary elimination tournament, pitting the "Pride of Pluto" against the "Mar-

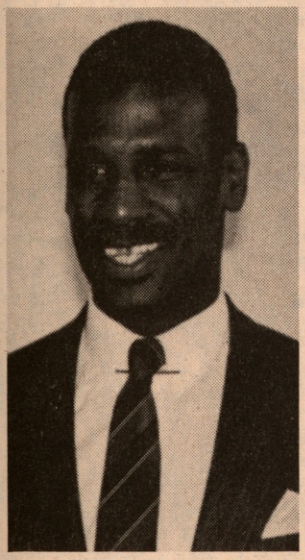


Photo by Deng Jeng Lee

IBF heavyweight champion Michael Spinks recently teamed up with the Wilmington Trust Company to assist in raising funds to renovate the Wilmington, Delaware PAL.

tian Mangler," or perhaps the galactic battle of the epoch to determine the undisputed champion of the Milky Way. The mind boggles, especially when I realize that even *The Ring* hasn't got a correspondent on the Moon.

"BAYONNE BLEEDER" BUSTED

Former heavyweight contender Chuck Wepner, who gained everlasting fame when he stepped on Muhammad Ali's foot and knocked him down during a 1975 title bout in Cleveland, has been arrested and charged with several drug offenses. Wepner, 46, was busted when police officers in New Brunswick, New Jersey, allegedly found four ounces of cocaine in his car. Chuck was charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Bail was set at $75,000. Actor Sylvester Stallone claims that it was Wepner's unlikely challenge for the heavyweight championship which gave him the inspiration for *Rocky*. Wepner's career (such as it was) hit the skids following his 15th round TKO loss to Ali, but he made headlines the next year when pitted against Andre the Giant in a rare mixed match between a boxer and a wrestler. That one also ended on a sour note when Andre picked Chuck up and tossed him out of the ring, ending the "Bayonne Bleeder's" career on the grunt-'n'-groan circuit.

ROSIN DUST

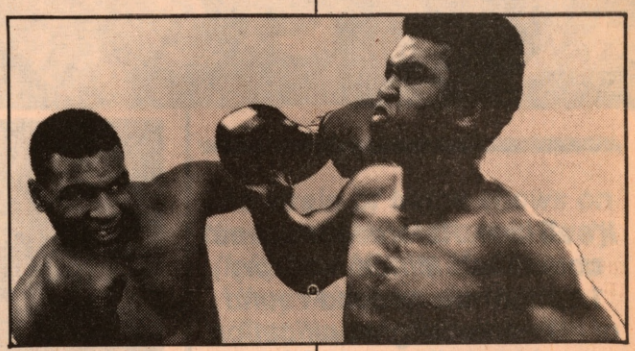
Former middleweight contender Ruben (Hurricane) Carter may be a free man following his release from prison, but that doesn't mean he can leave the country . . . U.S. District Judge H. Lee Sarokin, who overturned Carter's triple-murder conviction because the prosecutors used unreliable witnesses and racial stereotypes to prejudice the jury, blocked Carter from seeking medical treatment in Canada, saying: "I'm sure somewhere in the vast United States, Mr. Carter can find the medical treatment he needs. If for one reason or another he did not return, not only would it thwart this court's jurisdiction, it would have a disastrous effect on the judicial system." . . . Junior lightweight Jacob Morake died of brain injuries several hours after being knocked out in the 12th and final round of a fight in Johannesburg against fellow South African Brian Mitchell. Morake, 30, went down twice from powerful rights in the fateful round, striking his neck on the lower rope as he fell for the second time . . . Closer to home, amateur boxer Wade Bisher died at a Billings, Montana hospital after falling through the ropes and hitting his head on a table during an amateur bout . . . Meanwhile, the third ring-related death of the month comes from Mexico City where Gerard Derbez died as a result of head injuries suffered in his bout with Jorge Vaca for the Mexican welterweight title . . . John Diehl, who plays detective Larry Zito on NBC's *Miami Vice*, will try his luck as a professional boxer. The 164-pound Diehl has future plans to direct and produce a boxing movie and wants to experience first-hand what it's like to climb between the ropes. He is being prepped for this "learning experience" by former fighter Allie Ridgeway, who fought Kid Chocolate back in 1930 . . . The rumor mill has John F.X. Condon on the way out as head of boxing at Madison Square Garden. Among those reportedly being considered for his replacement are Russell Peltz, Don Fraser, and Bob Goodman . . .

PUNCHLINES

A jubilant Michael Spinks, explaining how it feels to be the world heavyweight champion: "I wake up every morning thinking about it and just bust out laughing. I just sit there in bed and laugh like hell."

Actor Sylvester Stallone, commenting on the huge box office success of *Rocky IV*: "The first few days at the box office have truly staggered me. I honestly felt that Rocky was too tired . . . and that he had lost some of the excitement, that maybe it was just too familiar to the American public."

A philosophical Larry Frazier, 36, reflecting on his two-year stint in the slammer for assaulting a police officer: "If it hadn't been for those two years, I'd probably be finished now. I certainly am in good shape for my age."



Who says Mike Tyson has never faced a good fighter? Here he is trading shots with none other than Muhammad Ali. Just kidding, folks. Mike posed with a cardboard cutout of "The Greatest" for this gag picture taken by William Hart during the session that produced this month's cover photo.

KING COBRA

Curry Destroys McCrory With Second Round Knockout To Unify Welterweight Title

BY JACK WELSH

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—WHATEVER RESentment Donald Curry may have harbored after being politically vetoed out of a gold medal bid in Moscow was placed behind him for eternity last December in Las Vegas. That day six years ago when then President Carter said "Nyet" after the Russians decided not to abort their invasion of Afghanistan had to be bleak for the Texas-born teenager. Like hundreds of other American athletes, Curry's visions of the ultimate amateur honors were swept away forever with the stroke of a pen.

There wasn't much point in waiting until 1984 for a second-time-around in Los Angeles (Bantamweight Robert Shannon was the only '80 medalist who did, and he was eliminated early). Curry decided to set sail on a professional career without the publicity trust and financial rewards accorded America's gold medal boxing champions . . . ala Sugar Ray Leonard in 1976, and Mark Breland in 1984.

Fortunately, Curry's maturing skills took him off the launching pad in grand style. Yet it wasn't until this explosive talent they call "The Lone Star Cobra" annihilated Milton McCrory to unify the world welterweight crown 19 days before Christmas that boxing got what it desperately needs—a spanking new super star.

Curry, 24, originally wasn't too upset when those harsh words rolled down from the White House, dulling his festive mood as a U.S. Olympic Trials gold medalist. However, in retrospect, this perceptive young man now realizes "how much winning a gold medal in Moscow could have done for me."

"It really didn't bother me too much at first. I was young, just 18, and also involved in basketball, baseball, and track," Donald said. "But beating McCrory the way I did makes up for everything. I think I've proved everything I had to prove."

Curry's ascension as the undisputed ruler of the 147-pound division was two rounds of violent ecstasy, all but assassinating the 23-year old McCrory as the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino returned to world class boxing for the first time since 1979.

Rarely has a cynical media been more lavish in its praise of a boxer's accomplishments. Perhaps the most succinct line for accuracy came from the wag who bellowed: "King Cobra struck and The Iceman (McCrory) melted."

Without question, Curry has evolved as a multi-million dollar property. And there has to be extra vigor every time Top Rank's Bob Arum wrings his hands in anticipating future promotions. Today Curry's realm includes the World Boxing Association, International Boxing Federa-

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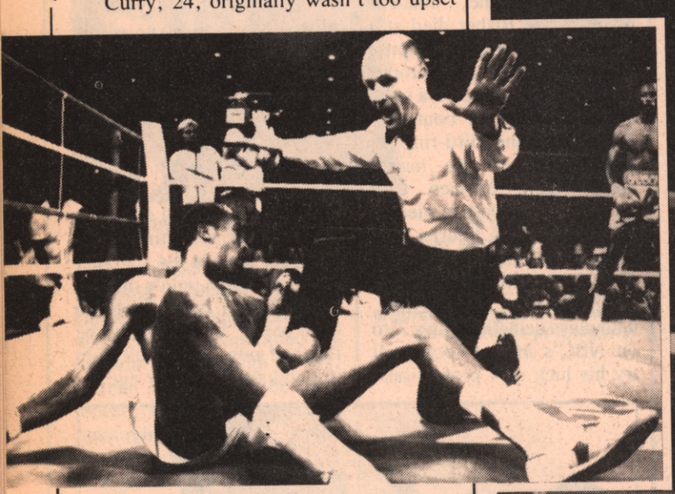
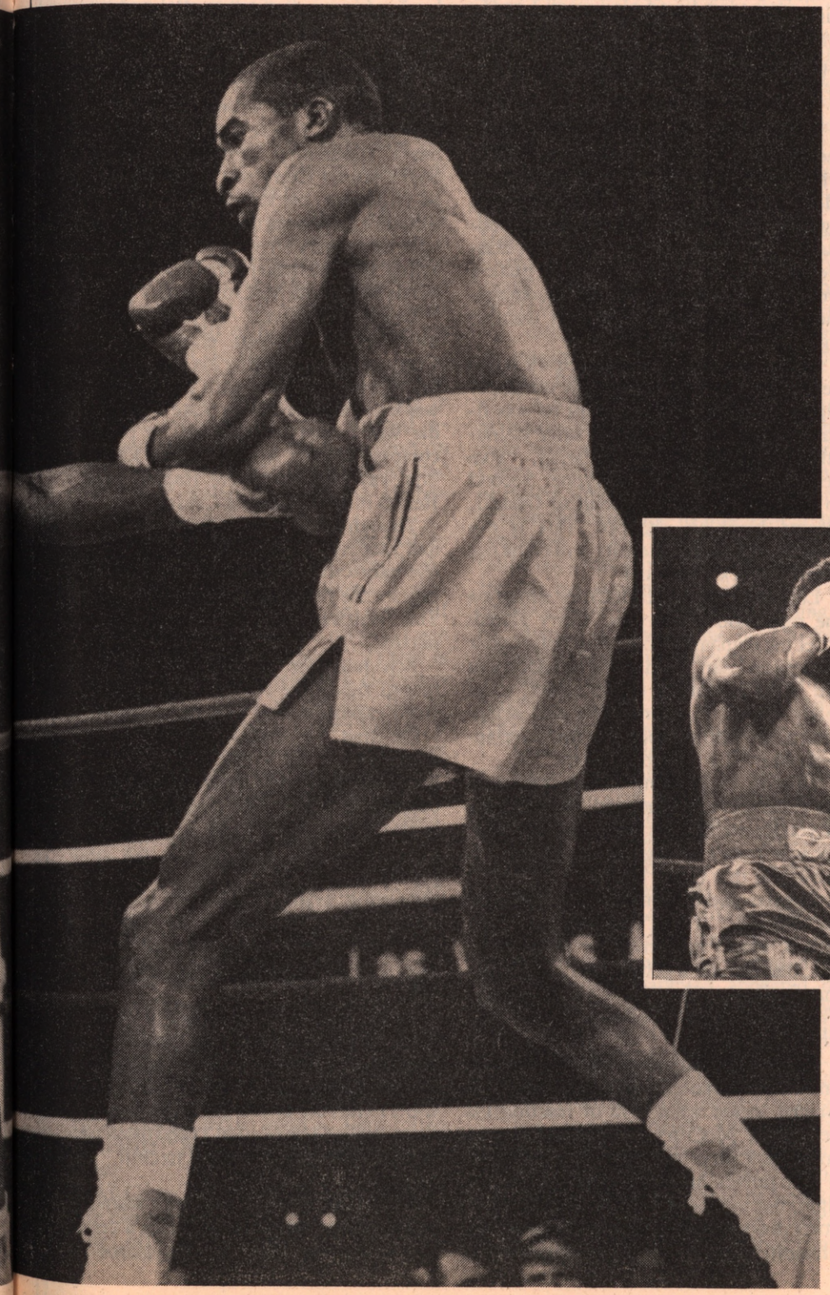
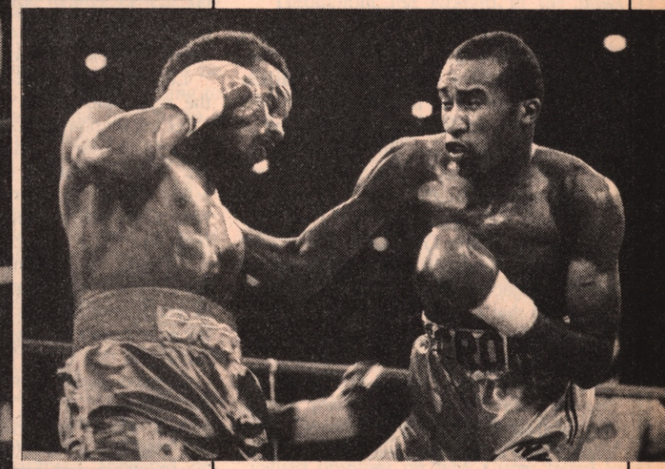


It's all over. Referee Mills Lane counts out Milton McCrory 1:53 into the second round of his welterweight unification match with Donald Curry.

Photo by Chris Farina

A probing left to the belly by Donald Curry during the early going helped set up Milton McCrory for the crushing head blows that rendered him helpless in the second round.





The strain of battle shows on the faces of both Donald Curry (left) and Milton McCrory as they mix it up during the first round of their battle for the undisputed welterweight crown.

Photo by Chris Farina

tion, and the World Boxing Council, where the Detroit-born McCrory had been head man since 1983.

It was an exuberant Donald Curry, who yelled during the post-fight analysis: "After this peformance, bring on Mr. Hagler." However, even the sleek Texan's connections concede that talk of such a fight is premature speculation. The undisputed world middleweight champion has commitments which will take him into the fall of 1986. First, Hagler has a re-scheduled March 10th date with Mugabi at Caesars, and if Thomas Hearns isn't upended by James Shuler on the same card, Bob Arum wants to give the WBC super welterweight king another shot at Hagler with the tentative date of June 23 in Las Vegas.

Arum, who admittedly will say one thing today and sometimes change his mind tomorrow, quickly put a Hagler-Curry mega-million production in its proper perspective.

"As great as Donald Curry looked tonight, remember he is still a welterweight. Curry might not be ready for Hagler physically for a while," the New York promoter advised. "Hagler has Mugabi in the spring and then Hearns if everything goes well. But Marvin may have a rough road. Mugabi is a big puncher. Of course, eventually this fight (Hagler-Curry) will build and build, and we'll have another great fight . . . a true boxing extravaganza.

"Curry was so devastating tonight, I don't think we should overlook the fact he was fighting a great figher in Milton McCrory. Milton is not only one of the finest fighters in the ring, but he is one of the nicest young men. One fighter has to win, one fighter has to lose. And McCrory was up against greatness."

Perhaps the biggest concern for Curry and manager Dave Gorman is that Hagler may not be available, or perhaps retired by the projected date "we'd like to fight him, and that's early in 1987."

Donald will probably need all of this year to mature as a junior middleweight," Gorman said. "He had no problem making 147 for McCrory and even though we've always said we'd give up the welter crown after unifying it, there is still a possibility of one defense. We would have liked to have defended it against Davey Hilton in Montreal if they give us enough money. But Hilton got hurt in a motorcycle accident last fall. He's still recovering, so that's out.

"Whether it's a welter defense, or we go after Mike McCallum's WBA junior middleweight crown, Donald will get a minimum $1 million plus . . . no more six figure purses. We saw the last of that with McCrory," Gorman said.

Understandably, Curry feels "there's nobody to motivate me in the welterweight division, but there's a lot of talent in the junior middles . . . guys like McCallum, Carlos Santos (IBF champion), Davey Moore, and, of course, Hearns."

"I think I'll be able to carry the power I showed against McCrory when I move up," Curry opined. "I think I should be a true middleweight in another year, and Hagler will be more realistic then—if he's around. I want to be mentioned in the same breath with Sugar Ray Leonard and win three titles. If I beat guys like Hagler and Hearns, I'll have proved my greatness."

* * *

In the weeks leading up to the fight, the basic hype seemed to be a question of who had heart under fire and who didn't. McCrory appeared to be the instigator in lighting Curry's ire, but his future conqueror said it was Emanuel Steward, master of Kronk's boxing army, "putting words in Milton's mouth for encouragement because he really doesn't want to fight me."

In the final press conference 48 hours before the first bell, the usually unflappable Curry made a strong point he was finally fed up with McCrory's snide insinuations, notably Milton declaring, "I've been second fiddle to everyone. Second to Tommy (Hearns), second to Donald. Hearns blew his chances. This is my chance, and all the intensity will come out when I knock Curry out."

Looking directly at McCrory sitting on the right side of the dais, Curry glared: "Let me emphasize that I will defeat your stringbean heart. I am going to knock you out in the seventh or eighth round, so be ready, buddy. I'm gonna take your stringbean heart with a knockout. And a stringbean heart is a little bitty heart."

Turning to heckling Kronk boxers in the audience, Curry added: "And the rest of you Kronk fighters better be ready too, because I ain't through with you yet. I'll show you that Curry has heart."

Gorman said trainer Paul Reyes relished the moment. "It didn't surprise me, it just proves what I've known for a long time . . . that Donald's getting fired up," Gorman insisted. "He's getting a little edgy. This fight's been building for a long time."

Later in the afternoon, the approaching universal titleholder told *The Ring*: "I wanted to see what kind of reaction I'd get out of McCrory. I expected him to come back shouting, but he just sat there. It just proves he really didn't want this fight, but the money forced him into it. I don't dislike Milton. This is business, but I honestly feel he's scared about this fight. That's why the Kronk people keep talking."

Steward, who seemingly has had more lows than highs in his Vegas excursions, offered a pre-fight capsule.

"Everybody is in for a shocker. This will be a mismatch, physically and mentally," Steward advised. "What makes champions is what's inside them . . . what makes them want to fight. Now it's Milton McCrory's time. He didn't get any Olympic glory, and he was behind the shadow of Thomas Hearns. I feel he will get the glory now, and it will be a devastating knockout."

As fate would dictate, Emanuel had the right book, but the wrong chapter.

In the week before the fight, there was much speculation that Nevada sports books posted Curry too high as a minus $4.00 choice, but the way it ended, 10-1 wouldn't have been out of line. There was light late money arriving on McCrory, enabling the linemakers to close Curry at minus $3.75 with McCrory at plus $2.75.

Despite the rivals' solid credentials, most sports gamblers either went for Curry, who was making his sixth successful defense, or they didn't bet at all. It was estimated the Silver State's total handle was a meager $250,000, a pittance compared to last April 15 when $20 million was wagered before Hagler TKO'd Hearns in three rounds at Caesars Palace.

Though the title defenses of both Curry and McCrory (four) have been comparative cakewalks, individually they failed to capture the full imagination of the public. This matchup was an offering for the purists.

Scheduled for 12 rounds by a pre-arranged flip-of-the-coin, the fact this one-sided explosion may now be reviewed as "The Rout," instead of "The Toss Up," is no excuse for a live turnout of only 4,195 in the Hilton Center, where seating capacity is 9,300. The most logical alibi is that the satellite signal of Home Box Office's national telecast was not completely scrambled in Southern Nevada, permitting gratis viewing in all Vegas sports books. Too bad. Many patrons of the Sweet Science missed one of the premier solo performances in any ring during 1985.

Curry, increasing his ledger to 24-0, 19 KOs, did exactly what he predicted he would do—start fast at the opening bell, and keep the pressure on McCrory. But it wasn't until the action got under way that Curry realized he wouldn't need those projected seven or eight rounds to chill "The Iceman."

Glistening with vasoline and warm-up sweat, Curry indeed loomed like a coiled cobra seeking prey as he glared at

McCrory before the first bell. Carrying his hands high, Donald drew everybody's attention with two long rights. As McCrory raised his gloves, Curry dug to the body with two lefts. Curry repeated twin right hands, a combination, and three jabs before Milton struck back with a stinging jab. McCrory's left eye was now swelling underneath as he fell off balance after missing a chopping right. As the first three-minutes expired, Curry hammered McCrory into the ropes, hurting his man with two lefts at the bell.

McCrory, destined to lose for the first time after 27 wins, (22 kayoes and one draw) apparently underestimated Curry's speed and power. An awkward fighter and usually difficult to hit solidly, Milton's expression was one of befuddlement and he appeared unable to untrack himself offensively, or defensively.

Early in the second round, Referee Mills Lane of Reno warned Curry for a low blow, but the infraction was not serious. Curry, moving lithely, then jarred Milton with a long left, but McCrory countered with a left of his own, perhaps his best punch of the fight.

McCrory then reached out with a "lazy" left jab, but dropped his right in the venture. Suddenly Curry stepped inside and snapped off a left hook flush on McCrory's jaw. It was as if someone had dropped a watermelon on the kitchen floor—S-P-L-A-A-A-T.

McCrory's angular frame seemed to come apart in sections as he landed heavily, flat on his back. Slack-jawed, Milton struggled to his feet at the count of "four," tottering against the ropes as Lane continued to count to "eight." (There is an eight count at the referee's discretion for a stunned boxer in Nevada, but no automatic eight-count). For an instant, it appeared Lane might stop the fight. Later Lane said he "let it continue because Milton's eyes were clear and focusing, and everything was on the line with the championship, so he deserved the chance."

McCrory was still trying to get his hands up when Curry glided into position with a vicious right hook to the jaw. Milton seemed to flip sideways like a high jumper, first skidding down on his left knee and then rolling over on his back. McCrory's eyes lolled in their sockets like marbles in the sunlight. The mouth was agape as he kept trying to peer over his left shoulder while raising his head. Milton's disoriented head bobbed forward twice like a cork in water as Lane tolled the count "four, five, six, seven, eight, nine."

McCrory's head was the only thing off the canvas as the referee reached "ten." The official end came at 1:53, but McCrory was on the floor for nearly two minutes as his cornermen and Kronk associates surrounded him. Dr. Don Romeo of the Nevada State Athletic Commission told the decisively-beaten fighter to "relax for a few minutes, and then walk around the ring, so people will know you're okay."

"I first asked him where he was and McCrory answered, 'Out west,' but when I asked him who he boxed for, Milton snapped back quickly, 'The Kronk Gym.' Then I knew he'd be all right right," the physician said. "When asked what round it was, we told him the second. He bit his lip because he was very disappointed at losing his championship, but McCrory will be all right without any complications."

Ironically, Curry was the only bleeder of the two, plus sporting a small lump on his right cheek. Apparently one of McCrory's jabs in the opening round inflicted a cut on the inside of Curry's mouth. Donald had a thin line of blood on his bottom lip, but it was not a factor . . . certainly nothing like the cut upper lip requiring five stitches Curry suffered 17 days before the fight.

"I was sparring with Roland Williams in Scottsdale, and he caught me with a right hand when I made a mental error," Curry recalled. "I was cut in the center of the lip almost all the way through, but it never bothered me in this fight. I saw confusion in McCrory's eyes when he found out I was a lot stronger than he was. He felt my strength, and knew then he couldn't move me. But he has nothing to be ashamed of, and I think he'll make a lot better junior middleweight."

Lane, a district attorney in Northern Nevada's County, was the first man to speak during the post-fight post-mortem.

"Donald Curry is on the brink of being a great, great fighter. He's very strong, he has tremendous control, and he punches hard with pin-point accuracy," Mills declared. "This young man . . . when history tells the story on him . . . he may go down as one of the greats."

McCrory, with a crest-fallen Steward in his wake, preceded Curry on the dais, wearing a white jump suit trimmed in red. The dethroned champion appeared detached, looking beyond the waiting media, much like Hearns in his reflections on the demolition Hagler inflicted last spring. It was exactly 8 p.m.—35 minutes after the one-time prep baseballer entered the ring.

"We are good friends, Don won, and we're still good friends," McCrory half-miled. "I never thought it would happen . . . I never thought I would be knocked out. I thought I had a steel chin. It's unreal. A lot of people hit me harder than Curry hit me. I hope I'll do better as a junior middleweight.

"Me and Doald have dominated the welters for the last two and a half years. Now he's the best in the world. I never did get tired, but he caught me with a good punch that I didn't see. The Lord works in mysterious ways. I'll be back."

Curry's first words were typical of his laid-back manner.

"What can I say? I did the best I could. I made 147 pretty easy, and I felt strong. So, we'll sit back and evaluate everything," the Texan assured. "Milton wasn't as strong as I thought he was. I knew it when I hurt him in the first round. He didn't move around a lot . . . I thought he'd change in the next round and throw short uppercuts, but he didn't. For a while, I was trying too hard, and McCrory stung me with a couple of good shots.

"I wasn't aiming to kayo Milton early because I really don't put out that much early. What went through my mind was to wear him down and make him work hard. I don't think McCrory was scared, but I think he was totally confused. He was trying to get his hands up. After the first knockdown, I knew it was going to be over quickly. My corner wanted me to set him up off the jab. Most Kronk fighters drop their jabs when they are going to throw a right. When I knew I was stronger, I decided to take it to him early."

Throughout the wrapup in the press room, a beautiful brunette tugged at the champion's sleeve. Curry didn't hesitate to introduce her as Valerie Cooper, now a stewardess with American Airlines, but "a young lady I've known since elementary school in Fort Worth."

When an inquisitor in the back of the room inquired about possible wedding plans, a smiling Curry gave his shortest answer of the night: "Soon."

Another asked about how he'd celebrate, and Donald gave his second shortest reply: "Yeah, pizza."

Sugar Ray Leonard, who paved the way for Curry and McCrory when an eye injury forced him to abdicate the crown in 1982, had previously lauded his successor "as the best young fighter in the world today, pound for pound." Leonard also had some valued opinions on why Curry failed to achieve early recognition from the public.

"Curry faced pressure from what I've achieved," Leonard explained. "I had people to fight that the public knew . . . Benitez, Duran, and Hearns. Most people didn't know much about either one before this fight. But this is a big, big win for Curry because McCrory's the kind of guy, if you get careless, he'll knock you out. Donald has now earned the respect and admiration he deserves." □

WHY I FOUGHT

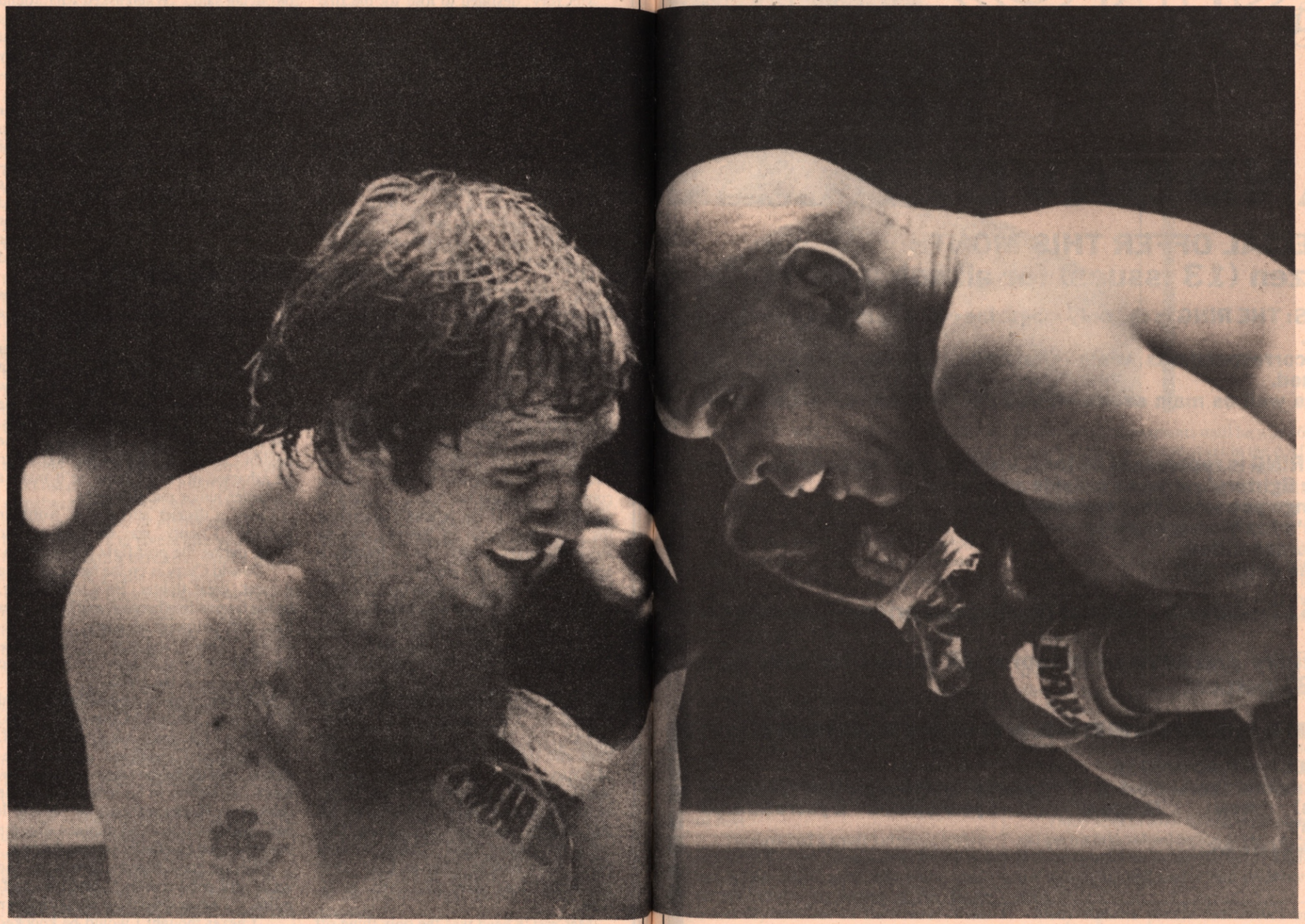
IN THE FEBRUARY '85 ISSUE OF *THE RING*, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN, IN AN ARTICLE TITLED "FIGHTING The Smart Fight," wrote: "We need someone who actually gets into the ring and throws leather to explain to the rest of us just why he does it, why he likes it, and why anybody who says he shouldn't should go suck an egg." Much to our pleasure, recently retired middleweight Teddy Mann has accepted the challenge and contributed the following piece. Mann compiled a record of 27-15 (15 kayoes) against some of the toughest 160-pounders in the world during a career that began with a three-round knockout over Joe Washington on August 24,1977 and ended on April 11, 1984 when Jorge Amparo stopped him in three. It was only the second time in his career that he failed to go the distance. Teddy is now living in Lavalette, New Jersey, working as a carpenter.

I'm a fighter, no different from the rest.
I want to be a champion, not second best.
It's a brutal game, nothing but hard work and pain
Just for a lot of money and taste of fame
Why did I pick such a savage career?
Why didn't I learn to be a lawyer or an engineer?
What does it mean to be a fighter?
What's so big about winning a title?
I wonder if I'm dreaming my life away.
Or will I be a champ some day?

—Joe Gholston

by Teddy Mann

THE FIRST TIME I EVER READ THAT poem was back in 1979, when I was training at the Montgomery County Boy's Club for a fight held at the Spectrum, billed for the "Irish Middleweight Championship of Philadelphia." On that same card, none other than Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns was forced to go the distance for the first time in his career against Alfonso Hayman. And while Hayman certainly isn't a household name, fans who were at the Spectrum that night will always remember the courage he showed lasting those 10 tortuous rounds.



Fighter/writer Teddy Mann (left) was a hot prospect until he dropped a 10-round decision to Bennie Briscoe in 1979. Although Teddy never rose above the role of journeyman again, he kept plugging away at his trade for another five years. In the accompanying article Mann explains why he fought, and why he enjoyed being a fighter.

But getting back to that poem. You know, it's always been with me. I've reread it on numerous occasions over the years. The fighter who wrote it was a pretty good journeyman named Joe Gholston, who will forever hold the distinction of going eight rounds with heavyweight champion-to-be Larry Holmes back in 1976. Though he will not be remembered as a great fighter, I will always remember Joe as a great poet. His little story served not only as an inspiration to me, but also as a stark reminder that all boxers are not destined to be world champions—or even big league fighters, for that matter.

The big money reward that comes with a world title is obvious to even the casual boxing fan. But let the truth be known. That reward does not present itself to most men who don a pair of gloves and step between the ropes.

No, for every Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvelous Marvin Hagler, there are countless lesser lights who never get a chance to shine. Thousands of fighters plug away in the game and never get a chance to see the top of the mountain. Never in their careers do they get a chance to share a huge payday, or bask in the spotlight for even one brief moment.

Their reward is the pride and the belief they have in themselves. They know, in the midst of some savage, unpublicized fight, that they're doing what they truly believe they do best: fight! It's their finest moment, comparable to the satisfaction an artist feels when he applies the finishing touch to a work of art, or how a construction worker feels at the end of a long hard day, when he finally gets to sit down in his favorite chair and kick off his shoes. He feels good about himself because he knows, deep in his heart, that he's put in the best day he could.

So it is with boxers, good and bad ones. It's that all too brief moment in their lives when they can say, "Hey, I'm somebody special. I'm doing what I love to do." How many people work their entire lives and never get to make that statement, let alone really believe it? Damn few would be my guess.

Any fighter, anywhere in the world, who steps into a ring, is showing a special—and enviable—brand of courage. And he's putting it on display for all to see, if only people would take the time to look.

And to bring this story to an end, there is just one more reason why boxing is worth all the sweat and tears: winning.

Whether it's a club fight between two washed-up veterans, or a bout between the best in the world, nothing compares to the thrill of winning in the ring. If that moment when your hand is raised could be bottled and sold, it would be worth millions. Regardless of whether the fighter has many defeats on his slate or is undefeated, each and every win is such a wonderful, special high. It's a time when you feel you can do no wrong, the whole world is your oyster. If only those moments would last forever, or at least a little longer. But such is life.

Nothing lasts forever, especially a fighter's career. But in the minds of most former fighters, there is a lasting memory of some long past night, when it all came out perfect under those bright lights. A night that made all the heartache and sacrifice worthwhile.

I should know. I'm one of those guys. □

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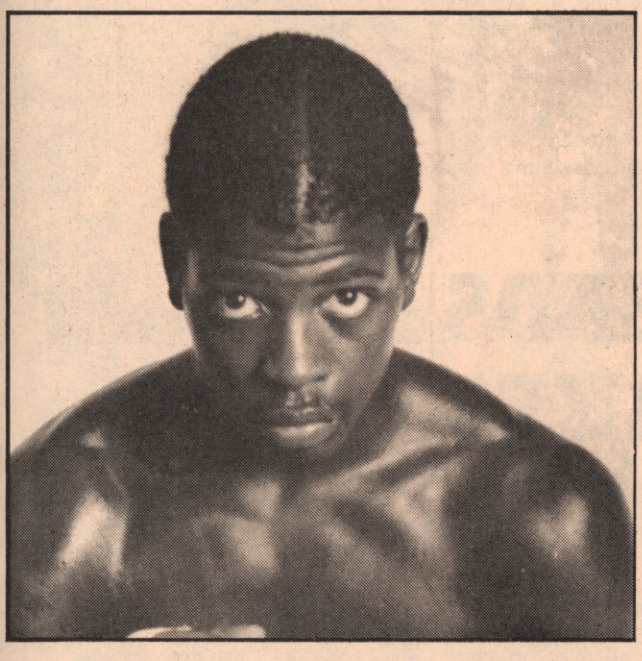
New Faces

by Herbert G. Goldman

Vincent Pettway



THE JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT DIVISION has its own Marc Breland. He's a good looking youth, clean cut, with no noticeable bad habits. He's also only 20, and, Lord bless his managers, 15-0.

He's Vincent Pettway, co-managed by the venerable Joe Gramby of Philadelphia, and Mack Lewis, developer of most of Baltimore's top talent during the past 20 years.

Picture a young man who parts his hair like Coalhouse Walker with the physique of a trim body builder and you get a good impression of how Pettway looks. Now imagine a 5'8½" junior welterweight with a long reach who stays outside and rips apart opponents with terrific combinations. That's Vince Pettway in the ring. The roped square is like a home to Pettway, who has been fighting, amateur and pro, for the last 11 years—since the age of nine.

"I always had a small kid team, including Keith Grimes, who's since turned pro and is now 2-0," says Lewis, who introduced Pettway to boxing at the Eager Street Gymnasium in Baltimore. Vince fought in kid tournaments until he was 16. Then he spent two more years in the AAU before turning pro in February, 1984.

"He went to the National AAU trials and won two bouts. Then he lost one when he broke his hand. The crazy thing was—they wanted him to fight again *with* the broken hand. Vince said to forget it and came home. He could have gone to the Olympic trials, but he'd had it with the amateurs. He—and we—decided it was time to turn professional.

"One thing that I believe in is discipline. I don't need no showmen. I won't allow no music in my gym. Not too much bad language, either.

"That's what I like about this kid. He's smart in that ring—real cagey. But he doesn't try to be a fresh kid. Sometimes, he doesn't know what money he's going to get until he gets it.

"Vince went to adult education at night and got his high school diploma. He's used his money to move his mother out of where she was living and into a nice neighborhood."

Many fighters pattern themselves on boyhood idols or on past greats favored by their managers and trainers. Pettway, for his part, just tries to be himself. Joe Gramby feels he's another Sugar Ray Robinson.

"He's a classy boxer, and a pretty good banger," says the boxing sage. "A young Ray Robinson, that's how I would describe him. No two ways about it."

Pettway has stopped 13 of his 15 opponents. Most of his foes are unrecognizable to all but fistic experts, but the ease with which he's won most of his fights bespeaks well for his talent—and the boxing knowhow of his management.

"I still train Pettway," says Lewis. "I train all my fighters. Vince is in that gym four or five days a week. Joe and I are very happy with his progress. He's shown improvement in each contest."

"He's a hard worker," adds Joe Gramby. "Really dedicated."

Pettway stopped his last opponent, Joe Luis Alejandro, on a cut inside of two rounds at the Sands Hotel in Atlantic City. "It looked like Pettway was trying to prolong the fight to get the workout," says Jack (K.O.-J.O.) Obermayer. "But it still ended quick."

Vincent Pettway may be ready for the big time in 1986, in which case the talent thin 140-pound division will receive a needed shot in the arm. Pettway is, indeed, more than a "new face." He may be one of boxing's biggest stars in the late '80s.

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF VINCENT PETTWAY

Baltimore, Md. Junior Welterweight
Born: November 9, 1965, Baltimore, Md.
Height: 5 ft. 8½ in.
Managers: Joe Gramby (Philadelphia)
Mack Lewis (Baltimore)
Trainer: Mack Lewis

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1984		
Feb. 27	Ali Muhammad	Atlantic City	KO 3
Apr. 18	Jo Jo Virgil	Richmond, Va.	KO 2
May 10	Vincent Bailey	Baltimore, Md.	KO 2
May 23	Reggie Watkins	Pikesville, Md.	KO 4
June 14	Ric Graves	Richmond, Va.	KO 2
Aug. 29	Joey Soler	Atlantic City	W 6
Sept. 6	Charles Robinson	Baltimore, Md.	KO 2
Oct. 16	James Keir	Baltimore, Md.	KO 3
Nov. 14	Thomas Baker	Pikesville, Md.	W disq. 8
	1985		
Apr. 8	Steve Mitchell	Atlantic City	KO 8
June 20	Antoine Lark	Baltimore, Md.	KO 2
Aug. 21	Marvin Ladson	Baltimore, Md.	KO 3
Sept. 14	Keith Corbett	Atlantic City	KO 5
Nov. 7	Mike Hutchinson	Pikesville, Md.	KO 3
Dec. 3	Jose Luis Alejandro	Atlantic City	KO 2

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
15	15	0	0	13

WHENEVER ONE HALLOWED TRADITION collapses on its death-bed, you'll be sure to find quite a few people who'll tell you that the result will be the end of society as we know it. Now, I may be wrong, but it seems to me that society is still flourishing, despite the increasing number of people who wear their hats in elevators, put ice in the sherry or support the Equal Rights Amendment.

The sad fact is that ninety-nine percent of traditional beliefs and practices are sheer nonsense, and that whenever a new tradition develops, it will be just as nonsensical as its predecessors. The only really fun thing about any tradition is to make a study of how it ever came to be in the first place.

Boxing is probably the most tradition-laden sport in the world. (Not surprising, when you consider that it's probably the oldest sport as well.) Just think of all the traditions you observe in just one evening at the fights.

You see both fighters hopping up and down when they enter the ring, to begin with. You see them shake hands before the fight. You see the referee give them instructions that they know beforehand and could easily do without. When one fighter is unable to continue, his seconds will notify the referee by throwing a towel. When the fight ends, each fighter is given a drink from his opponent's bottle, or a splash from his sponge. And of course, each fighter will have prepared for the fight by eating steak and abstaining from sex and alcohol.

ON SHAVED HEADS AND HANDSHAKES

by Joseph D'O'Brian

John L. Sullivan was one of the first famous fighters to admit he was an alcoholic. This was probably the reason the brandy bottle fell into disfavor as a between-rounds picker-upper.

Ever wondered why these traditions exist? Ever wondered why a boxer who wants to look mean will shave his head, or why a champion traditionally wears white trunks? And how did boxers ever get into the habit of wearing those huge, bulky shoes that must cut their speed in half?

As is the case with traditions from any other part of life, some of boxing's traditions have a ready explanation. Others have several explanations, and which one you believe is a matter of taste. Then there are others that are just there, with no explanation at all.

The most famous of this last category, of course, is the tradition that dictates that boxers must not have sex for several days or weeks before a fight. I don't know anyone who knows where this idea came from, but I have yet to meet a trainer who doesn't believe it. Sex is supposed to drain a man's strength, especially in the legs.

If you saw *Raging Bull*, you'll remember the scene where Robert DeNiro pours cold water down his underwear to keep from getting aroused. According to Jake LaMotta, that really happened. And then there's the story about former heavyweight contender Jerry Quarry, before his second fight with Muhammed Ali. Quarry was recently married, and his trainer, Gil Clancy, allowed him to share a bed with his wife. But Gil sat awake all night with his ear to the door, just to be sure they weren't doing anything but sleeping.

As it happened, Quarry took a terrible beating from Ali, who had a reputation for two-backed-beasting with anyone who would hold still long enough. You'd think that would've been the end of that tradition. But the last time I brought this subject up with a fighter, I was told, "Hey, you can bet I don't fool around for two weeks before a fight. That takes all your strength away."

Well, the fact is that you can convince yourself of anything. If you think sex will make you tired, it probably will. But psychological factors aside, the latest medical opinion is that sex is actually good for a fighter. Not long ago, I had dinner with a pair of ring physicians, who told me, "The only way sex can hurt a fighter is if he stays up all night fooling around and doesn't get any sleep. That'll tire him out all right. But if he has sex and then gets a good night's sleep, it'll be good for him. It'll relax him, help him sleep sounder, and he'll feel better the next day." Not that I believe this tradition will die out any time soon. It's too irrational to be abandoned.

I'm also not quite sure where the no-alcohol tradition came from. This is actually a fairly new tradition. Until the early part of this century, a fighter's seconds would always bring two bottles to the ring: one of water and one of brandy. Michael Donovan, the most famous trainer of the bare-knuckle era, had his fighters drink moderate amounts of wine and beer in training.

My best guess is that the modern prejudice against alcohol is the fault of John L. Sullivan. Sullivan was the first famous boxer to admit he was an alcoholic, and in fact it was at about the time that he made this admission that brandy bottles

Jake LaMotta, pictured here with wife Vicki receiving congratulatory telegrams following his 1949 victory over Marcel Cerdan for the middleweight title, once poured ice cold water down his underwear to keep from getting sexually aroused while training for a big match.

Muhammad Ali, seen here eating ice cream with his first wife Sonji, was never one to let a fight interfere with his sex life.

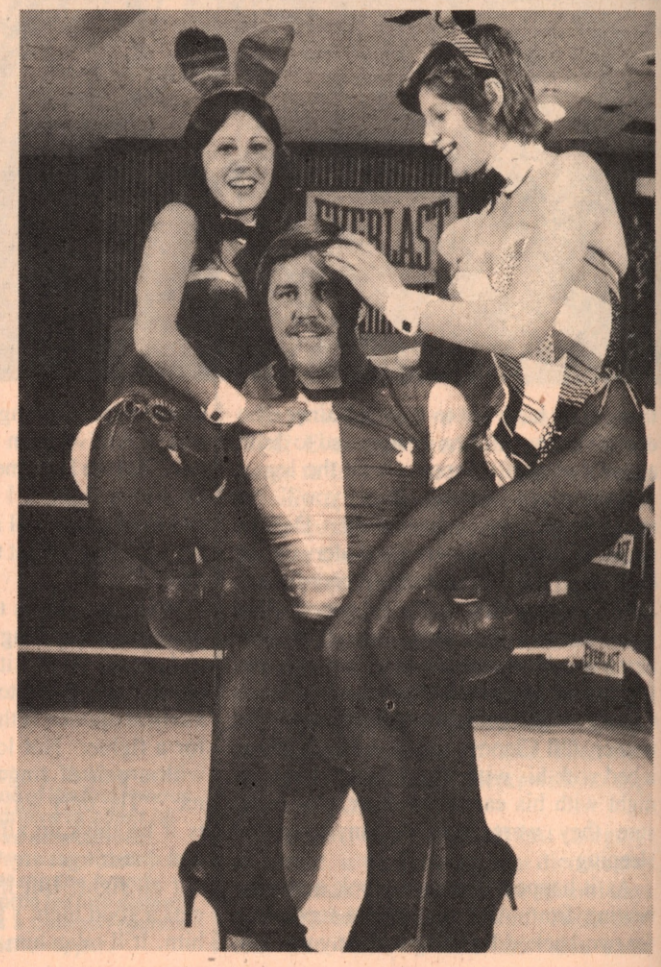
disappeared from ringside.

The man who lifted the heavyweight crown from Sullivan's booze-sodden brow, Gentleman Jim Corbett, claimed the credit for another of boxing's traditions, the one which dictates that fighters must hop up and down before a fight begins.

The reason Corbett did this, upon entering the ring to meet Sullivan, was that he was used to fighting in a ring such as is used today: a plain floor covered with a mat. Instead, this ring had been padded with strips of sod. Corbett simply wanted to see if his shoes would give him the proper traction.

Actually, Corbett need not have worried about how his shoes would react to a turf floor, since what he was wearing was probably very similar to what was worn by any bare-knuckle fighter. (Bare-knuckle fights almost always took place outdoors on the ground; this ring had probably been covered with sod because that was what Sullivan was used to, even though this was a glove fight.) This brings up the question of why boxers still wear those big bulky shoes anyway. It's easy to understand why they would have worn such heavy footwear if they were fighting on the ground, but it seems to me that under current ring conditions, they could get better speed and mobility if they wore bare feet or ballet slippers.

So far, most of the traditions I've dealt



Former heavyweight contender Jerry Quarry lifts a couple of Playboy bunnies while preparing for his 1973 bout with Earnie Shavers. When Jerry's wife shared his bed prior to Quarry's match with Muhammad Ali, trainer Gil Clancy sat outside his door all night, just to be sure they weren't doing anything but sleeping.

with seem to have taken root around the turn of the century, when boxing was solidifying into the sport we know today. There are other traditions, of course, which are far older, and others which are newer. There are even fairly new traditions which are actually revivals of old ones.

Take for example the shaved heads of Marvin Hagler, Earnie Shavers, Bennie Briscoe and Rubin (Hurricane) Carter. These days, if a fighter's main strength is a murderous punch, he will often inform us of that fact by presenting a skull as smooth as a polished bannister. Rubin Carter introduced this style in the early 60s, and it has become a classic look for the hard hitter, much as the botton-down collar has come to signify the no-nonsense businessman.

What Carter probably didn't realize when he revealed this fashion statement was that he was reviving a style that was popular in boxing's infancy, and which died out around 1800.

Until that date, almost all boxers shaved their heads. This was partly because there was nothing in the rules about hair-pulling, and partly because in those days, most men wore wigs anyway.

Dan Mendoza, who held the heavyweight title in the 1790s, was the first boxer of note to wear his own hair into the ring, and he paid dearly for it when John Jackson grabbed him by his locks with one hand and knocked him out with the other. The rules were quickly changed to forbid hair-grabbing, and wigs went out of style at about the same time.

One tradition that seems to be slowly dying out these days is that of shaking hands before a fight. The demise of this little ritual is coming very slowly, but the handshake is definitely on its way out.

It started when, in the 1930s, fighters gave up actually shaking hands. Instead, they took to using the stylized handshake that we see today, when the two fighters punch each other's fists. I have no idea how this change came about. It is difficult to actually grasp someone's hand when you're wearing boxing gloves, but it can be done.

Now, some fighters are even abandoning the customary glove-touching. The most notable culprit here is Marvin Hagler, who apparently feels that it's appropriate to his tough-guy image to refuse to shake hands before a fight. As much as I respect Hagler, both as a fighter and as a man, I think he's doing boxing a grave disservice by removing this small gesture of civilization. I'm sure nobody will consider him any less tough if he shakes hands with his opponent. And they'll certainly consider him less of a jerk.

Not that it's all his fault. If just one official had the balls to insist on a handshake before the fight could start, the trend might be reversed.

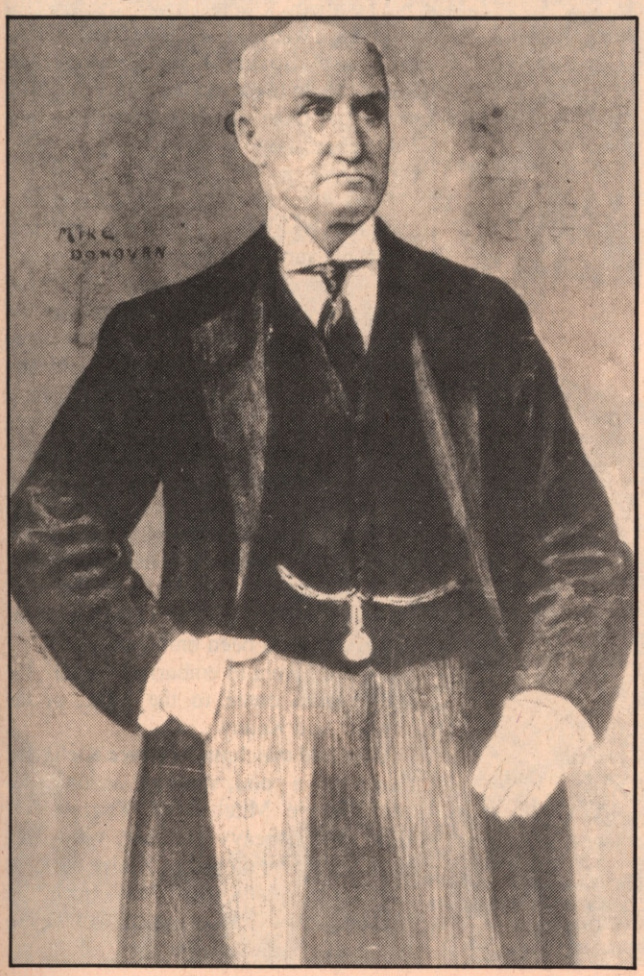
It is possible that I'm setting too much store by the handshake. There is, after all, another fairly recent change in tradition that I regard as very positive. This is the ritual that takes place at the end of most fights, when each boxer goes to his opponent's corner, shakes hands with the opposing seconds, and is given a drink from his opponent's bottle. I have no idea how this tradition came about (and it seems to me that it only sprang up a few years ago), but it's a damn good tradition. It's a gesture that flies in the face of these nitwits who call boxing a brutal and dehumanizing sport: It's a small gesture, but it shows the fraternal spirit of this sport as well as anything else I've seen.

Traditions come and go in this sport; they change and change again. But there's one tradition that has not changed since the sport began, and probably will never change, and all in all, I'm rather glad of it. I refer, of course, to the pre-fight instructions.

Now, pre-fight instructions by the referee are absolutely useless. Every boxer knows the rules as well as he knows his own name, and he's not likely to forget them in the time between two fights. And if he likes to disobey them anyway, a referee's instructions aren't going to help.

There was a time when these instructions had a purpose. The rules of boxing were not absolutely standardized until the end of the last century; in the old days, there were a bunch of "house rules" or special provisions agreed on by the two fighters for that fight only. That was then. This is now, and now those instructions are pure ceremony, like the coin-toss before a football game.

But who cares? Boxing is tradition. Take away its tradition and you take away its charm. So while these traditions may change a little over time, it's a good idea to stay aware of them, and observe the good ones. It's just as important as taking off your hat in the elevator. □



Legendary trainer Michael Donovan had his fighters drink moderate amounts of wine and beer in training, something that is practically unheard of today.

Report from the Senior Circuit:

53-Year-Old Kenny Lane Chugs On

by Lindy Lindell

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53-year-old Kenny Lane (left) is still fighting. The former lightweight contender is pictured here in his most recent bout, an eight-round split decision loss to Dave Guerra in Grand Rapids.

WHEN YOU TELL PEOPLE THAT FORmer lightweight contender Kenny Lane is still fighting, they no longer ask if it is a publicity stunt. This was the feeling among boxing people in 1982 when he returned to the ring after a 17 year absence, but no longer. "My god. The guy really sounds like he's serious," said Miami's boxing historian Hank Kaplan.

After one bout in 1982, and two in 1983, it appeared that, despite three wins, Lane's career was finally over. If, for no other reason, promoters were showing a decided unwillingness to showcase a boxer of such advanced years.

"I called Chris Dundee, Teddy Brenner, and practically everyone else I could think of who was still around from the sixties," said Lane. "They were nice enough about it, but the end result was that I got no real positive support. No one would put me on because of my age."

Finally, after more than two years of inactivity, Lane interested an area businessman, Larry Proctor, in putting a show on for him in Grand Rapids, Michigan, down the road a piece from Lane's hometown of Muskegon, and site of his three comeback bouts.

"I don't want him to fight," said Michigan State Boxing Commissioner, Dr. Stuart E. Kirschenbaum, shortly after hearing of Lane's intentions to headline a November show in Grand Rapids in an eight-rounder.

Most states cannot discriminate against a man because of age, and Lane persisted. Kirschenbaum then prescribed an extensive—and expensive—battery of tests. Proctor agreed to pick up the tab for the tests and Lane passed them all with no problems. Commissioner Kirschenbaum was still reluctant, but relented: "I have to be satisfied. We will not discriminate because of age, but we have to do what we can to protect people from themselves."

Lane insisted that he didn't want a soft touch. His comeback trail had already been littered with the body of the inept Paul Lewis from the Bill Douglas stable, and Kenny had been embarrassed.

"I don't want to embarrass myself, the people who come to the fight, or the State," said Kenny.

Lane told matchmaker Bruce Kielty that he wanted a good, standup, action opponent. Stevie Mitchell of Youngstown, Ohio, not a heavy puncher, was given strong consideration, but Kielty decided, "He leans on the ropes too much. He counterpunches okay, but he won't raise any goose bumps on the backs of our pa-

tron's necks."

It was then decided to go after Dave Guerra, the hard-charging Latin boxer from Flint. Guerra lacks handspeed, but he is continually aggressive and can sock with the left hook.

The match was made and approved by Kirschenbaum. Before the fight, Kirschenbaum conferred with referee Max Harnish, a peach of a fellow who looks as if he sprang from a canvas painted by Grant Wood.

"I want the bout stopped if it looks like Kenny is taking too many unnecessary head blows," Kirschenbaum told Harnish.

In the dressing room, Kirschenbaum kidded Lane: "I'm not going to test you for drugs tonight, Kenny. I don't want a situation where we have rust showing up in your urine."

Kirschenbaum didn't worry about Lane taking too much punishment. After a quick start, Lane, never a knockout puncher, began loading up, forgetting his effective, stabbing right jab. Guerra kept up a steady, workmanlike attack and won the middle rounds. The seventh was close and as they swung into the final round, the fight seemed to be slipping away from Lane.

Kenny needed a big last round, probably at least a knockdown to earn a draw. He didn't get it, but those three minutes were a delight to the boxing purists at ringside. Lane gave the youngster a thorough boxing lesson. His hands, which had been hesitant in previous rounds, were suddenly loose. Lane stabbed with double and triple right jabs and then, stepping to his left, he let fire with right hooks. The combination punching and movement totally befuddled Guerra. Lane won the round easily and seemed the stronger at the final bell. Then the decision was read and Lane was judged to have lost a split decision.

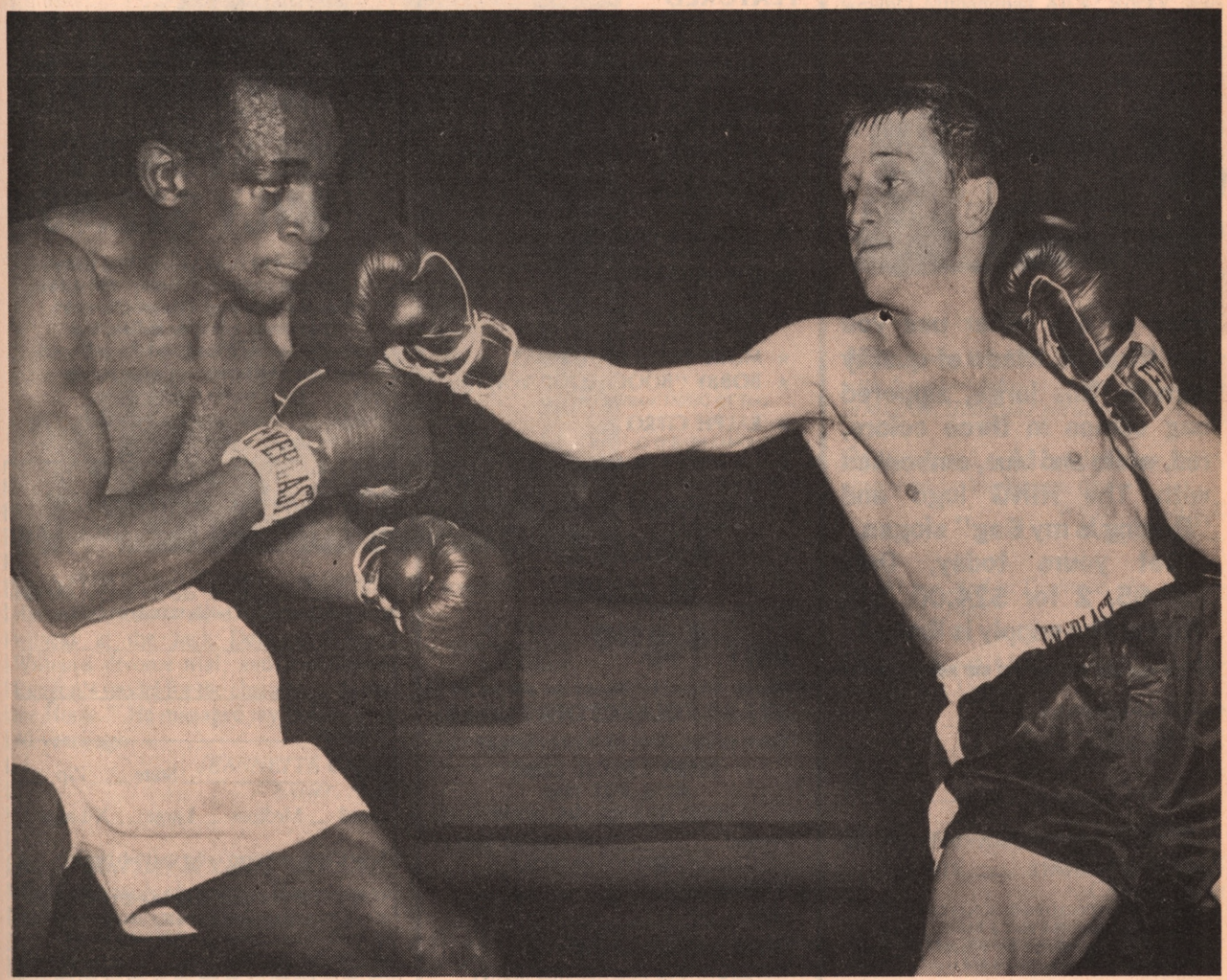
Interviewed after the fight, Lane agreed that he had spent too much time looking for one big punch: "I thought I won," he said. "But, yes, I didn't move my hands enough."

Lane indicated that this fight may have written *finis* to his 80-16-2 career, but he had different thoughts in the days that followed.

"I would hate to end my career on such an inconclusive note," explained Lane. "I think that those who saw the fight will agree that I'm an embarrassment to no one. I'm in good shape, but I didn't do as well as I thought I should because it had been almost two and a half years since my last fight."

But why continue? What did he have to prove?

"I really don't have anything to prove," said Kenny. "I've already shown that with the proper conditioning, someone as old as I am can participate. And that's why I do it. Just to participate is everything to me." □



Kenny Lane as he appeared in his prime, outpointing Cuban Orlando Zulueta over 10 rounds at St. Nicholas Arena in New York City, November 8, 1954.

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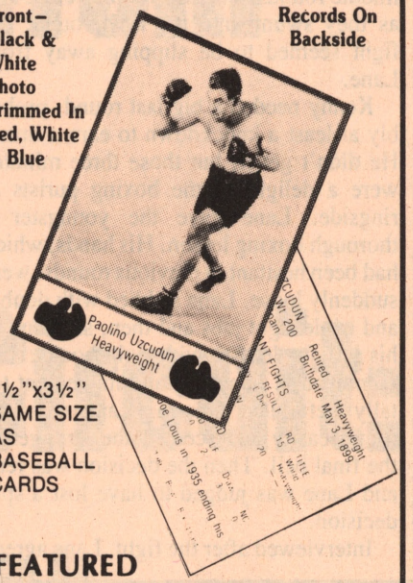

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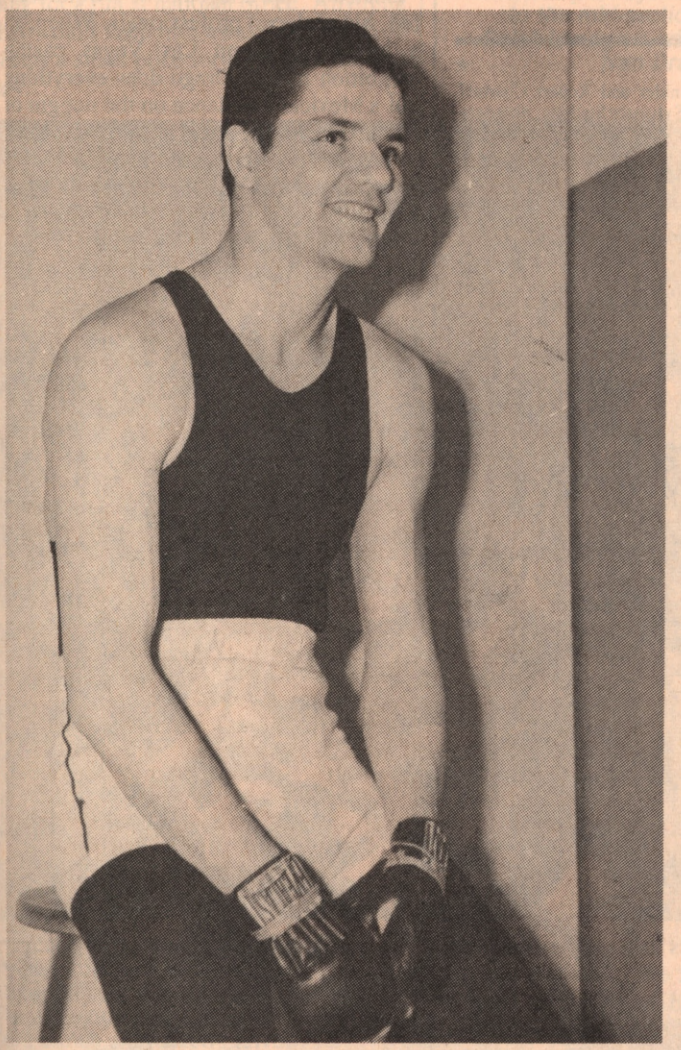
by Herbert G. Goldman



Former world middleweight champion Billy Soose.

Q: Do you know if boxing photographer Harry Goldman is alive? He was the star witness at the Jack Dempsey-Hannah Williams divorce trial, and was Damon Runyon's model for the character, "Harry the Horse." He managed my father about 40 years ago.

JEANNETTE CASEY
Exeter, N.H.

A: *I'm quite sure he's dead, but I'll have to ask my family about him. Harry sounds like he was a typical Goldman.*

Q: Did Jack Kearns ever manage Benny Leonard?

IRVING HARRIS
Provo, Utah

A: *Kearns was involved with Leonard during Benny's 1931-32 comeback. Billy Gibson managed Leonard during most of his career.*

Q: When and where is Paul (Red) Carr, the boxing manager?

HAROLD KEEFER
Evansville, Ind.

A: *Carr lives in Kenmore, New York. He is in his nineties.*

Q: Where can I write to Mike Tyson?

HAROLD PENN
Scranton, Pa.

A: *c/o Jim Jacobs, 9 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016.*

Q: Did Louisiana State amateur junior lightweight champion Thomas Jefferson ever turn professional? I met him in the air force in 1973.

FRANK BRODERICK
Unionville, Conn.

A: *No record of him turning pro.*

Q: What is Billy Soose's real name?

JOE GRABOWSKI
Bronx, New York

A: *William Stephen Soose.*

Q: What was Sonny Liston's fighting weight? Muhammad Ali's? Rocky Marciano's?

AL FREEDMAN
Covington, Ky.

A: *Sonny weighed from 198 to 226, Ali from 186 to 236, Marciano from 178 to 192.*

Q: Was Jack Dempsey ever knocked out?

JAY QUINCY
Fort Wayne, Ind.

A: *Fireman Jim Flynn stopped Dempsey with four knockdowns in the first round in Murray, Utah, on February 13, 1917.*

Q: When and where did former NBA champion Jackie Wilson die?

WILBUR BUDGE
Greeley, Colo.

A: *Wilson died in Torrance, Pa. on December 2, 1966.*

Q: Does South Africa belong to the African Boxing Union?

JERRY DUNBAR
Paterson, N.J.

A: *No.*

Q: Was Ted (Kid) Lewis Jewish?

WILLIAM SAVAGE
Conroe, Texas

A: Yes. His real name was Gershon Mendeloff.

In bout four, Rocky has been Ramboed

By Desmond Ryan
Inquirer Movie Critic

REVIEW

ROCKY IV ★

Produced by Irwin Winkler and Robert Chartoff, directed and written by Sylvester Stallone, photography by Bill Butler, music by Vince DiCola, distributed by MGM/UA.

Running time: 1 hour, 34 minutes.

Rocky Balboa	Sylvester Stallone
Adria Balboan	Talia Shire
Ivan Drago	Dolph Lundgren
Apollo Creed	Carl Weathers

Parent's guide: PG (violence)

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ROCKY IV, SYLVESTER STALLONE'S latest orgy of Commie-bashing, lends new meaning to the term "a hard right." If Stallone keeps it up, he may wind up an urgent item in the arms-control talks.

Contrary to popular belief, at least one person of the Marxist persuasion did survive the end of *Rambo*. He's Ivan Drago, the Soviet heavyweight champion. With Drago as adversary, round four of the *Rocky* series has turned the boxing ring into a political arena, and the endearing salute "Yo, Adrian" has given way to the surly snarl "Yo, Ivan."

This alteration in course has transformed the Italian Stallion from the increasingly redundant figure of *Rocky II* (1979) and *Rocky III* (1982) into something a lot nastier.

I've always suspected that Rocky Balboa's manager (Burgess Meredith) suffered his fatal heart attack in *Rocky III* after considering the prospect of having to show up for *Rocky IV*. And there is something about Talia Shire's expression in this outing that suggests a fervent wish that she had been left in the postnatal coma into which she lapsed in *Rocky II*. She would thus have been spared the sight of Burt Young wrapping himself in the American flag.

But Stallone didn't earn the nickname Sly for nothing. Rocky may think that *detente* is something a Boy Scout sleeps in, but Stallone knows the mood of the country and he has made *Rocky IV* to pander to it. The film's patriotic ardor is cynical jingoism that reduces the intricacies of superpower politics to a simple punch-up between good and evil. And just in case there's a 2-year-old out there who fails to get the point, Stallone has the Politburo witness the climactic bout with its national champion. He has even found an actor who looks like Mikhail Gorbachev.

The first *Rocky* film, which won the Oscar for best picture in 1976, was an entertaining, self-contained story of broad appeal. The second and third rounds were pale reworkings of the original that sent Rocky back and forth to bumhood like a yoyo. *Rocky IV* has abandoned even token interest in adding to the hero's character, and the players who have earlier brought something to the saga are left to stand around and watch Stallone.

Since he wrote and directed the film, it should surprise no one that this is a vanity production. The oiled pecs and delts, so lovingly pondered in *Rambo*, flex nobly for the cameras here. But what really does in the movie is Stallone's decision that Rocky be Ramboed.

Drago, played by an incredible Swedish hunk named Dolph Lundgren, is the product of a Communist athletic system whose "amateurs" are alleged to be steroid-stuffed, blood-doped professionals. When, in a hilariously camp Las Vegas casino exhibition match, Drago does everything but a Mexican-hat dance on the noggin of Apollo Creed, Rocky is left no choice but to take a stand on the red menace.

In subsequent training scenes, the Italian Market gives way to the Russian tundra and Rocky's triumphant climb is up a Soviet mountain, not the steps of the Art Museum.

A victory that transcends politics: A battered but triumphant Rocky Balboa holds the Stars and Stripes aloft as thousands of Soviet sports fans salute the American champion.

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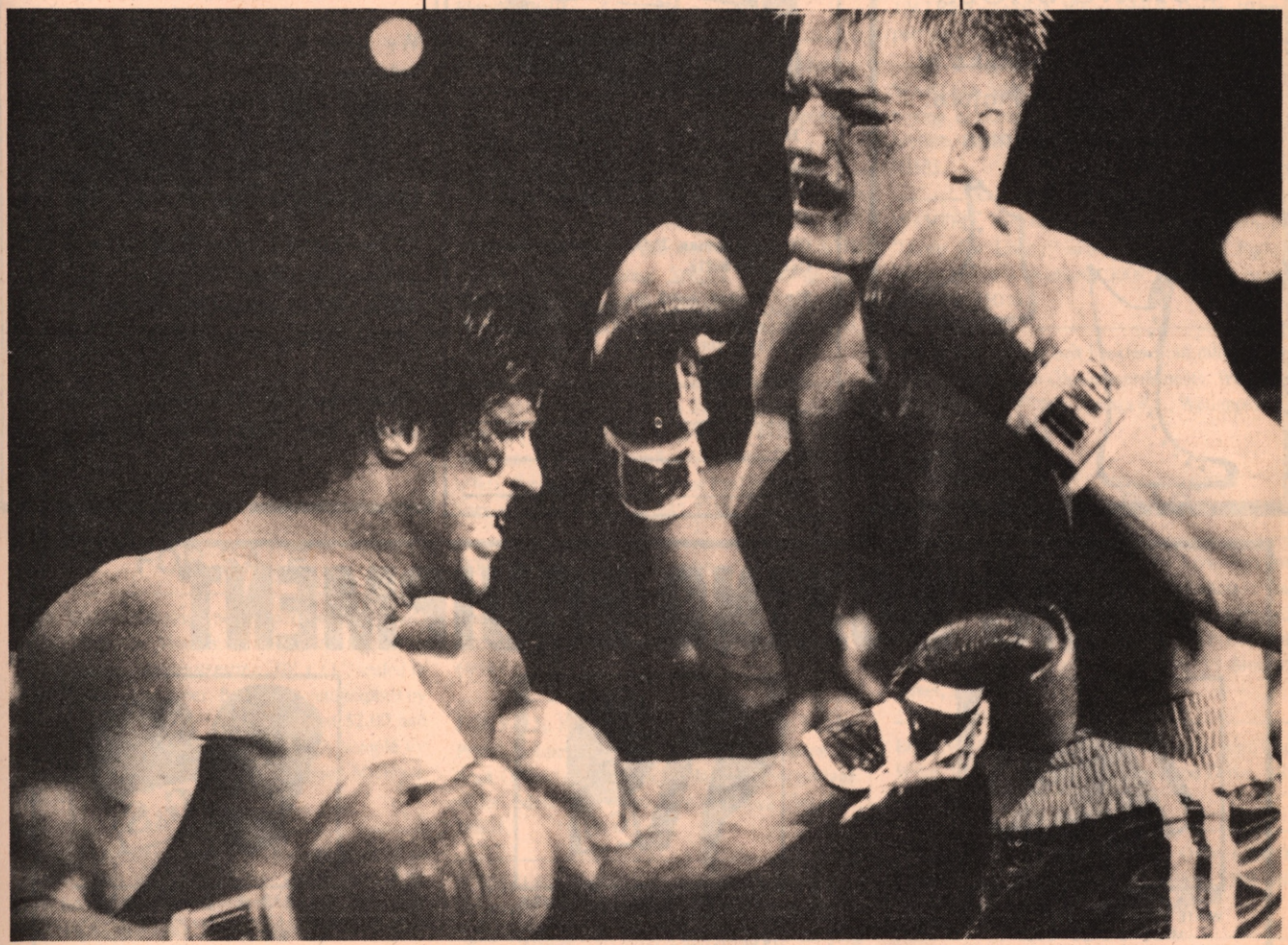
In the long, downhill slide to the climactic fight, every new piece of nonsense is rammed home by the deafening soundtrack. And the exchange of punches in the finale is made to sound like airplane-hangar doors being slammed. That's not how punches sound in real life, but then real life is never allowed to intrude here.

The Drago-Rocky bout ends up with what seems to be a division of the Red Army cheering Rocky to the rafters. And his response—a speech about the brother-

hood of man—is downright prurient under the circumstances and given the violent, xenophobic instincts to which the movie caters.

Stallone did something equally offensive at the end of *Rambo* with his chat about Vietnam vets. Perhaps he's prepping for a run at national office. Anything that would keep him away from *Rocky V* seems a small price for his countrymen to pay. □

AMERICAN OFFENSIVE—Sylvester Stallone, left, who portrays Rocky Balboa, lands a blow to the mid-section of Swedish-born actor Dolph Landgren, who portrays Russian boxer Ivan Drago, in this boxing scene from "Rocky IV."



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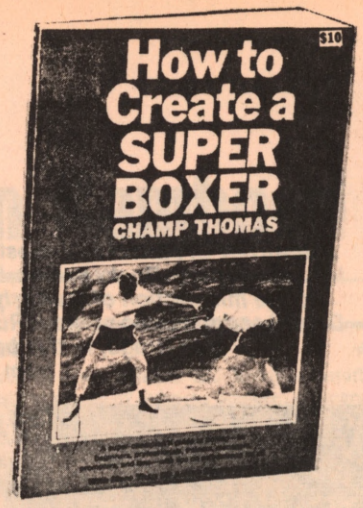

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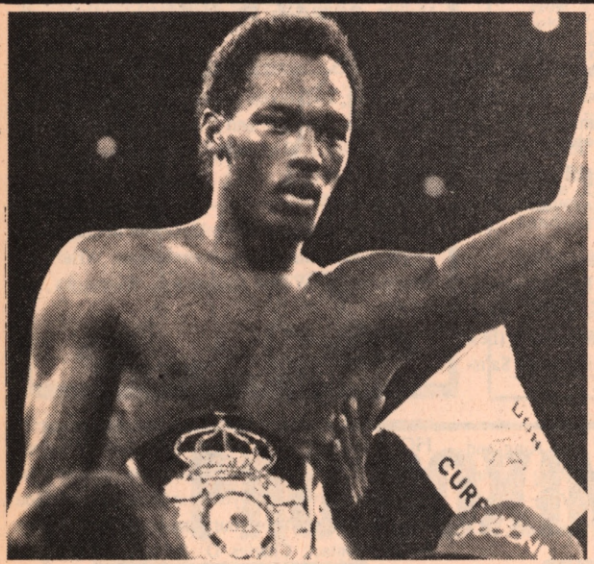

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Donald Curry raises his arm shortly after scoring the biggest victory of his career. The "Lone Star Cobra" blitz Milton McCrory for a second round knockout, winning the undisputed welterweight crown and THE RING's Fighter of the Month award.

While most experts picked **Donald Curry** to beat Milton McCrory for the undisputed welterweight championship, few figured he would turn the trick in such a rapid and spectacular manner. Curry was awesome, destroying the previously undefeated McCrory with two of the most devastating punches ever thrown in the welterweight division. When the much anticipated match was over, just 1:53 into the second round, Curry owned the WBA, NBA and IBF belts . . . and *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month award.

This month's runner-up is IBF bantamweight champion **Jeff Fenech**, who defended his title with a 15-round unanimous decision over American Jerome (Kid) Coffee in Australia. The previously unbeaten Coffee was so sure of victory he announced the date and opponent for his first defense *before* the fight. But Fenech was not intimidated. He outpunched Coffee for the most impressive victory of his career.

A pair of Korean boxers earn honorable mention by winning world titles. **Myun-Woo Yuh** lifted the WBA junior flyweight belt from Joey Olivo via a 15-round split decision, and **Ki-Yung Chung** stopped Min-Keun Oh in the 15th round to capture the IBF featherweight crown. Both fights were held in Korea. □

CALLEJAS-STECCA
WBA Junior Featherweight Title

RIMINI, ITALY—PUERTO RIco's Victor (Luvi) Callejas retained his World Boxing Association junior featherweight (122-pound) title with a savage six-round stoppage of former champion Loris Stecca in a scheduled 15-round bout at the Sports Palace.

Stecca, who lost the crown to Callejas by an eighth round knockout in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico on May 26, 1984, had racked up eight straight wins in '85. He trained 140 rounds in secret for this rematch with Callejas, and seemed confident of winning.

"Now it's *my* turn in *my* backyard," he said before the contest. "The shoe is on the other foot, and I've got my people behind me."

It looked like Stecca's fight until round six. A left hook to the temple staggered Stecca in the opening frame, but two hard rights to the jaw had Callejas retreating in the second, and a volley of head blows forced him to hold on in round three.

In round four, the lights went out—literally. "I recalled saying that the only way Stecca would beat me would be if the lights went out," Callejas later said. "It sort of concerned me when they did." Callejas continued on the defensive, and Stecca continued putting on the pressure. The Italian crowd chanted "Lori, Lori" with a patriotic fervor comparable to that seen at soccer games.

The fifth round was the same—Stecca throwing caution to the wind while Callejas jabbed and occasionally hooked—always, however, at a distance. Early in the round, Callejas slipped to the canvas, and the crowd became ecstatic. But then, at the two-minute mark, the Puerto Rican went into high gear, hurting his rival with a fusillade of hooks to the head. The barrage came too late to win the round, but it foreshadowed what would come in the next session.

Stecca was instructed to go all out in the sixth, as Callejas did not seem to want to take command. It proved to be a big mistake. The hard hitting Luvi saw his opening with one minute remaining in the round, and switched from defensive to offensive with a solid left followed by a right to the jaw. Stecca went down, quickly got up, and attempted to retaliate. Four thunderous left hooks, a right cross, and another solid hook then lifted the Italian off the ground and dropped him flat on his back.

Somehow, Stecca beat the 10-count, and the bell came to his rescue seconds later. He was battered and bleeding, with a cut near the left eye, a missing tooth, and a fractured jaw. His corner stopped the fight before the seventh round began.

It was a shocking ending to a battle Stecca appeared to be winning.

"My toughest fight," Callejas said. "I have to admit he hurt me on two occasions."

The next fight? "Pepito Cordero handles that end of the business," said the cham-

pion. "I can make 122 with no difficulty, but I would like to fight Barry McGuigan for the (WBA) featherweight title."

Callejas said he had to face a lot of pre-fight antagonism. "They blew their car horns outside my window until 5 a.m. and made threatening phone calls, but that's all part of the game, I guess."

Baby-faced Juan Carazo, Puerto Rico's prospect of the year in 1984, polished off Julio Osorio in the third round of a scheduled 10. Left hooks left Osorio defenseless, prompting referee Wiso Fernandez to call a halt. The 115-pound Carazo is now 10-0 with 11 kayoes.

Featherweight Alberto Mercado halted Venezuela's Jose Mosqueda at 1:42 of round seven in their scheduled 10.
(11-18-85)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

STARLING-BROWN
USBA Welterweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—"Marlon Starling has been down this road before." So spoke the "Magic Man" after going 12 or more rounds for the seventh time in his career—defending his USBA crown against previously undefeated Simon Brown, 146½, Washington, D.C. Starling, 146¼, South Windsor, Conn., retained his title on a split decision. The bout was held in the Copa Room of the Sands Hotel-Casino. Vinnie Rainone refereed.

The scoring was as follows: Al Reid (New York), 115-113, Starling; Sheila Martin (D.C.), 116-112, Starling; Ted Larve (New Jersey), 116-112, Brown. The judges were instructed by Al Brown, the USBA presiding official, to give no even rounds. All rounds were scored 10-9 on all official cards. *The Ring*, however, saw round eight as even (10-10), and gave Starling a 10-8 edge in round two. Our scorecard read 116-112 for Starling after 12.

Experience, traveling that road again and again, was certainly the difference in this one. From the start, Starling proved superior, and had Brown circling away in disarray. Even when Marlon came straight in, Simon found him a difficult target. Rarely does defense win fights in these days, but Starling can be justly proud of his "crab closet." It may leave "Moochie" in an awkward position to counter, but it makes him very hard to hit in the meantime.

The supremely confident Starling completely shut down the body hooks and following rights of "*Mantequilla*," as Brown has been named. It was virtually no contest for the first four rounds, as Marlon mugged Brown on the inside and kept him on the run when Simon boxed on the perimeter. Starling boxed smartly, controlling the action and landing point gathering rights from the outside as well as short pot shots in close. Marlon may be mainly an arm puncher, but he could not help but score cleanly in those early rounds.

Judge Martin, showing no favorites, did not give Brown a round until the sixth—same as *The Ring*. Al Reid had it 3-1 after four; while Larve, apparently convinced no one could have *that* good a defense, saw it 2-2. (He had Simon taking seven of the first nine rounds!)

This bout only became competitive when Starling let it. When Marlon came off of his enthusiastic "high" in the middle rounds, Simon managed to slip through his armed fortress often enough to grab some of the close ones. Brown received seven of 12 possible votes in the middle four rounds, and had the same edge in the final four—winning the last session on all cards.

The winner, now 35-3 with 20 kayoes, has a probable date with Tommy Ayers for the IBF title—assuming Curry gives his crown up after the McCrory bout.

Each man praised the other. "I met 21 guys before," said Brown, now 21-1 with 15 kayoes, "and most of them went down from this. (Brown held up his right hand.) Not this guy. His defense was rough. I laid back in the early rounds; then I opened up, but I figured it was too late."

"The only time he worked was when I wasn't working," added Starling. "I'll be ready to fight again in six weeks. I like doin' what I do. I don't fight for the money. Do you think I'd be doin' this if I didn't like it?"

Rodney (Sweet Speed) Fenell, 130½, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over previously undefeated Pedro (El Bambino) Garcia, also 130½, Catano, Puerto Rico, six. Scoring: Richard F. Murry, 3-2-1; Phil Newman, 4-2; Lawrence Wallace, 4-1-1. Larry Hazzard, referee. Fennell is now 5-3-1. Garcia is 10-1.

Tim (Holy) Moley, 136, Selden, New York, won a unanimous decision over southpaw Matt Jefferson, 133¾, Bronx, New York, six. Scoring: Murry, 4-2; Newman, 4-1-1; Wallace, 3-2-1. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Larry Hawkins, 132, Camden, N.J., won a unanimous decision over debuting Joe DeLuise, 131¼, Hallandale, Fla., four. Scoring: Murry and Wallace, both 3-1; Newman, 3-0-1. Larry Hazzard, referee. Hawkins is now 1-1.

Debuting Joe Aloisio, 122½, Queens, New York, and Sammy Ruiz, 123½, Monticello, New York, drew, four. Scoring: O'Neil, referee. Aloisio should have gotten it.

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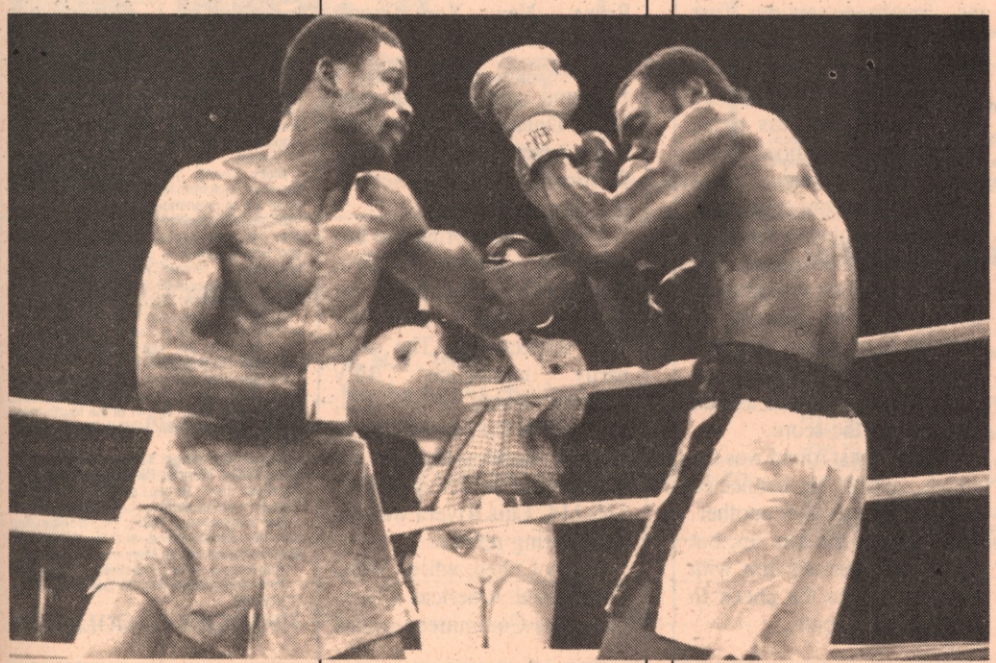

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Marlon Starling (left) retained his USBA welterweight title with a hard-fought 12-round decision over previously unbeaten Simon Brown in Altantic City. The victory put the "Magic Man" right back in the thick of the welterweight rankings.

MICHAEL-CHOI
IBF Junior Lightweight Title

DARWIN, AUSTRALIA—Barry Michael, 129½, retained his Int. Boxing Federation junior lightweight title with a fourth round technical knockout victory over Jin-Sik Choi, 129, Korea, in the first world title bout ever held in Darwin, capital of Australia's Northern Territory.

All three judges—Clive Greedy (Australia), Herbert Minn (Hawaii), and Dae-Eun Jung (Korea)—had Choi winning each of the first three rounds. Michael is a tough cookie. The Korean shook him once, but never came close to knocking him down. No one has ever floored Michael in 57 professional bouts.

Michael stormed out of his corner in the fourth round and floored Choi with a furious attack. The Korean shakily regained his feet, and referee Pat McMurtrey waved them on. Michael drove Choi back and shook him with a right hand to the jaw. The Australian then threw punch after punch until McMurtrey called a halt.

Choi's corner protested the stoppage, and said they would file an official protest with the IBF. A number of fans also complained, but McMurtrey, a good heavyweight in his day, knows when a man has had enough. There was enough time left in the round for Choi to have been decked again—or to have taken enough to put him in the hospital.

Michael received a reported $100,000, and the promoters suffered a big financial loss.

Paul Maugher, 150¼, outscored Leroy King, 146½, eight.

Gary Clarke, 131, outpointed former Australian champion Brian Schofield, 133, eight. Clarke is a good prospect.

Paul James, 165¼, flattened veteran Ricky Patterson, also 165¼, in the first round of their scheduled eight. James may be the next Australian middleweight champion.

Junior Thompson, 116¾, stopped Geoff (Stumpy) Nilsson, also 116¾, in round two of another scheduled eight.

Steve Peel, 151½, kayoed Tim Kelly, 150, in the sixth and final round.

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(11-19-85)

RAY MITCHELL

CHANG-CANO
WBC Light Flyweight Title

TAEJON, KOREA—JUNG-Koo Chang, 108, retained his WBC light flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Mexican southpaw Jorge Cano, also 108, after 12 rounds at Chungmu Gymnasium.

The official scoring was as follows: Duane Ford (Nevada), 116-112; Kazumasa Kuwata (Japan), 116-111; Anek Hongtongkam (Thailand), 119-112. Rudy Ortega (California) was the non-scoring referee.

Cano, who had recently upset the cagey German Torres, fought a cautious first round, circling to the right and throwing his right jab. The 23-year-old Korean Hawk stalked and, leading with his right, landed a solid left hook to the face. Chang's round.

The 25-year-old challenger stayed on his bicycle throughout the next few rounds. Referee Ortega took a point away from Chang for charging in with his head down in round seven, but the champ retaliated with a furious assault that evened the score.

Chang's best round was the eighth, when he connected with one punch after another. Cano tried to tie him up, but the champ stunned him with a right hook to the cheek in the closing seconds.

The Korean also won the next two sessions. The Mexican took round 11 behind his jab, but the Korean Hawk went out for a kayo in the last frame—firing punches from all angles. Cano lasted out the session by holding, sidestepping, and running.

Chang is now 30-1 with 12 knockouts. Cano is 22-6 with 10 kayoes. The champ took down $100,000 while Cano, a late sub, got $13,000.

The champion will now face German Torres in a mandatory defense. Chang has beaten Torres twice before.

This was Chang's eighth title defense. Jung-Koo is the greatest fighter ever produced in Korea, and his goal is to break former WBA junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken's record of 13 successful defenses.

(11-10-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

BARKLEY-TINLEY
Vacant Continental Americas Middleweight Title

NEW YORK, N.Y.—IRAN (The Blade) Barkley, 158½, Bronx, New York, took another step up the middleweight ladder with a 12-round split decision over Mike Tinley, 157, Camden, New Jersey, for the vacant Continental Americas middleweight crown.

The official scoring was bewildering. Bernie Friedkin and Eva Shain both had it for Barkley, 116-111 and 116-112, respectively. The ordinarily competent Billy Graham scored it 117-112, Tinley. *The Ring* saw the fight as close, Barkley edging it out via superior punching power, 116-114. Luis Rivera was the non-scoring referee.

Marty Cohen, whose WBC Continental Americas Championships Committee vacated Jose Quinones' title when Quinones refused to fight Barkley in the Forum for a reported $4,000, presented a beautiful championship belt to the winner. What the Continental Americas titles may lack in prestige they make up in the beauty of their belts.

"Two points, four points, what's the difference?" Mr. Cohen commented to *The Ring*. "He won, that's all that counts."

That he did, although "The Blade" sustained a nasty mouse above the left eye in the process. Tinley proved to be the better boxer, but failed to win any rounds convincingly. (*The Ring* had him winning four by narrow margins.) Barkley almost knocked him out in the fourth session, when he caught him with a good left hook.

Barkley, who kayoed wilford Scypion in the eighth round of a scheduled 10 in this same ring five weeks before, is now 17-3 with 12 knockouts. This was his eighth outing in '85. Tinley is 19-3-1 with seven kayoes. He TKO'd Toby Smith on May 9th and outscored Ray Ray Gray on July 11th in his only other fights this year.

Mike Tyson, 215, Catskill, New York, made his New York City debut with a TKO over Sammy Scaff, 250, Raceland, Kentucky, at 1:19 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Tyson, now 14-0, all knockouts (10 in the first round), looked impressive, snapping Scaff back with stiff left jabs and beating him bloody before a final left hook sent him to the canvas. Sammy staggered to his feet at "nine," but practically collapsed as referee Fred Ucci stopped the contest. Scaff is now 13-7 with 11 kayoes.

Ricky Young, 140, Harlem, New York, bounced back from his 12-round loss to Angel Cruz with a unanimous decision over former WBC super lightweight champion Leroy Haley, also 140, Las Vegas, 10. Scoring: Friedkin and Shain, both 6-4; Graham, 5-4-1. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee. Young is now 16-2 with six kayoes. Haley is 49-6-2 with 15 knockouts.

Anthony Holt, 157, Brooklyn, New York, TKO'd Danny Chapman, 155, Troy, New York, at 2:43 of the third round in a scheduled six (cut from eight, the final contest of the evening). Fred Ucci, referee.

Former amateur star Dennis Milton, 158, Bronx, New York, kayoed Mario Davis, 157½, Buffalo, New York, in 1:41 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Richard Brownrigg, 176, Long Beach, New York, TKO'd Wendell (Smooth) Everett, 171, Freehold, New Jersey, at 1:26 of the third round in a scheduled four. Luis Rivera, referee.

Bob Wasielewski, 163½, TKO'd Milton Burton, 161, Staten Island, at 0:59 of the fourth and final round. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.

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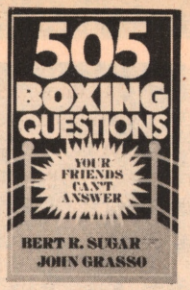

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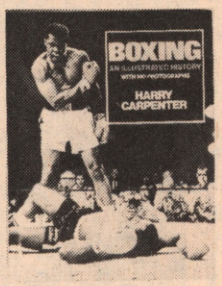

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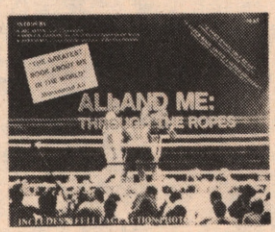

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MIKE TYSON: THE LEGACY OF CUS D'AMATO

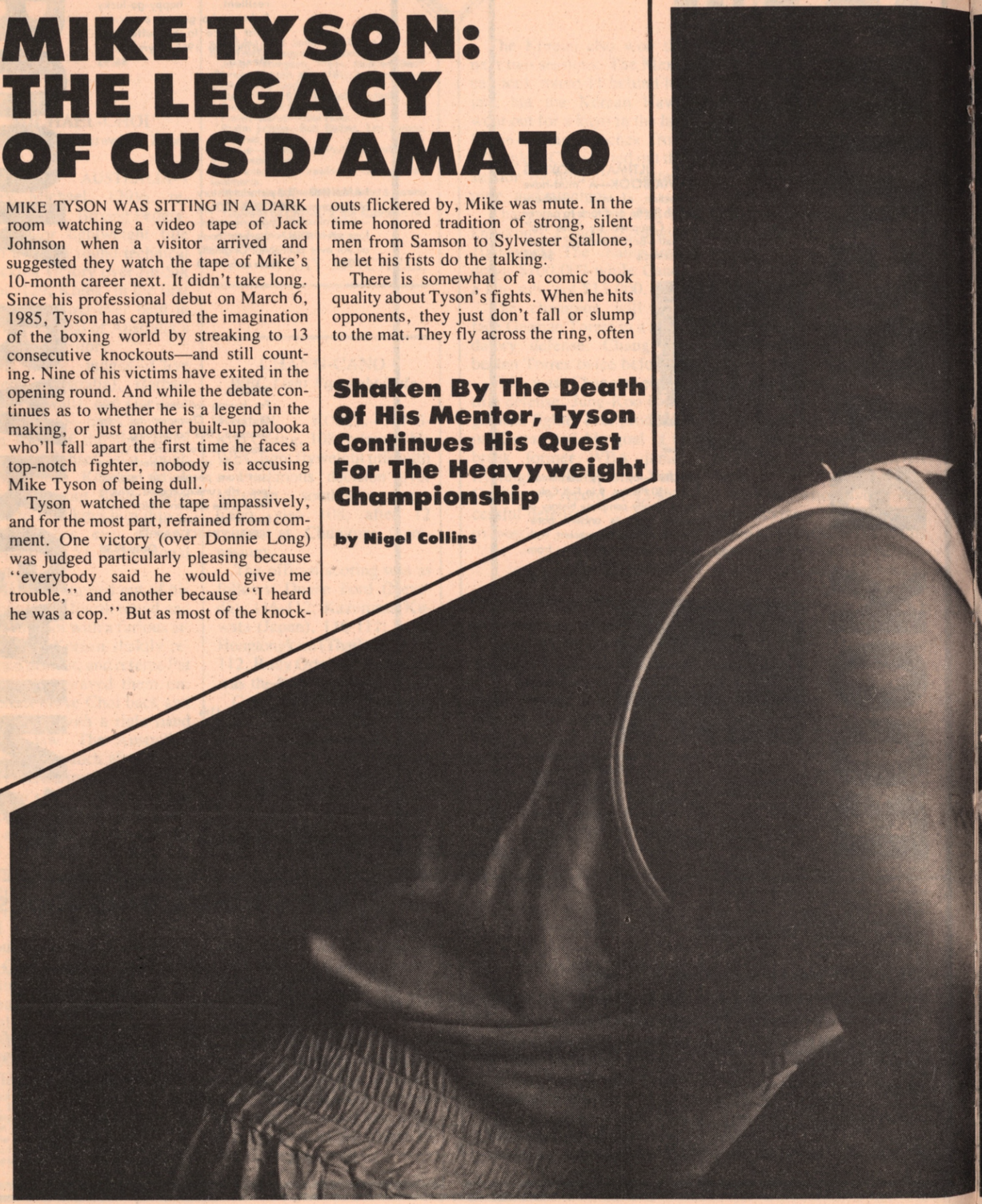
MIKE TYSON WAS SITTING IN A DARK room watching a video tape of Jack Johnson when a visitor arrived and suggested they watch the tape of Mike's 10-month career next. It didn't take long. Since his professional debut on March 6, 1985, Tyson has captured the imagination of the boxing world by streaking to 13 consecutive knockouts—and still counting. Nine of his victims have exited in the opening round. And while the debate continues as to whether he is a legend in the making, or just another built-up palooka who'll fall apart the first time he faces a top-notch fighter, nobody is accusing Mike Tyson of being dull.

Tyson watched the tape impassively, and for the most part, refrained from comment. One victory (over Donnie Long) was judged particularly pleasing because "everybody said he would give me trouble," and another because "I heard he was a cop." But as most of the knockouts flickered by, Mike was mute. In the time honored tradition of strong, silent men from Samson to Sylvester Stallone, he let his fists do the talking.

There is somewhat of a comic book quality about Tyson's fights. When he hits opponents, they just don't fall or slump to the mat. They fly across the ring, often

Shaken By The Death Of His Mentor, Tyson Continues His Quest For The Heavyweight Championship

by Nigel Collins



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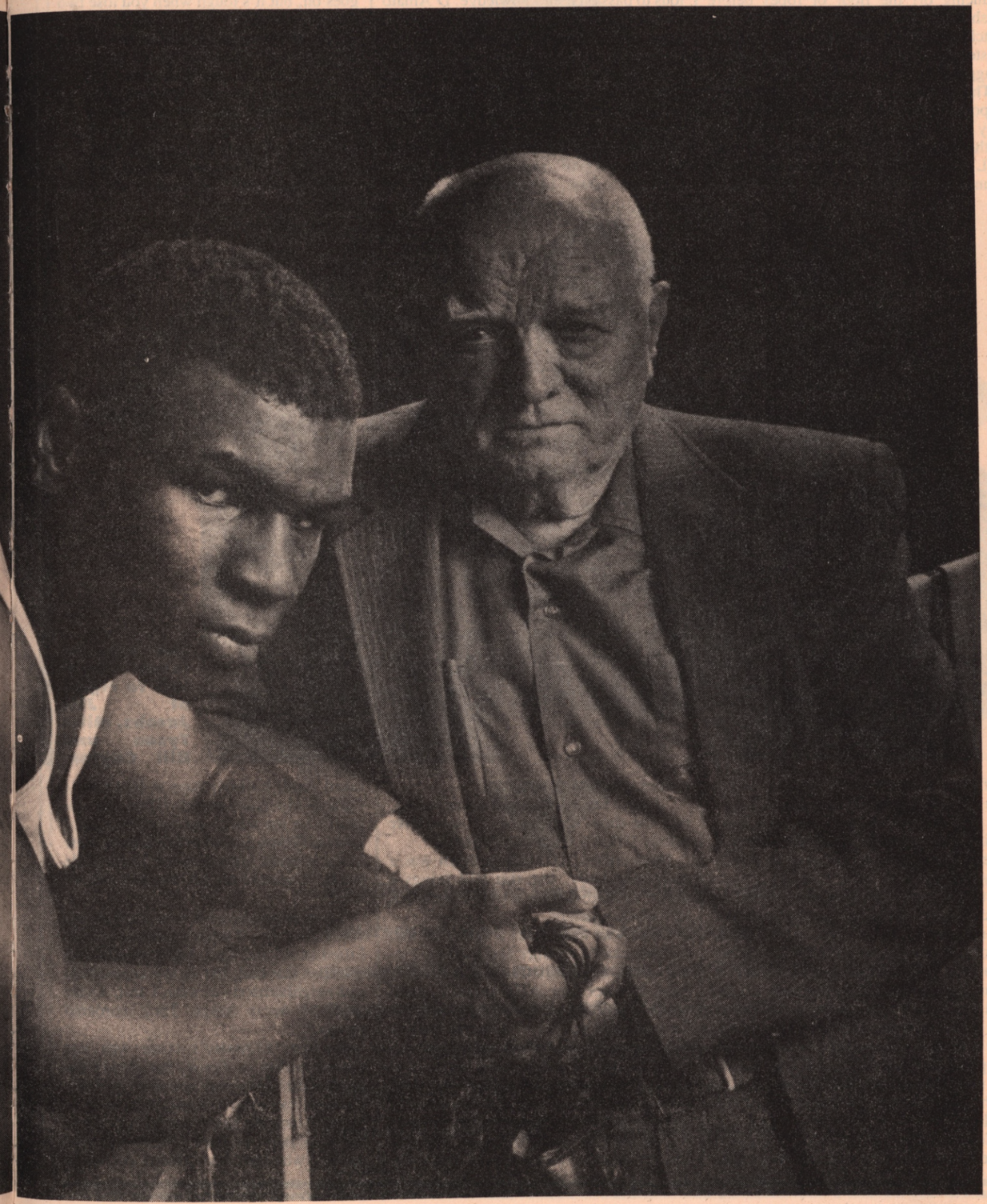


bouncing off the floor or ropes before crashing to the canvas. It's a little like watching Popeye belt Brutus, or Batman plaster the Penguin. The violence is so exaggerated, it seems slightly surreal.

The spectacular manner in which Tyson disposes of his ring adversaries is not the only thing that makes him something out of the ordinary. Mike looks more like an NFL fullback than a fighter. He is 220 pounds of muscle crammed into a 5-foot-11 frame. His 19½-inch neck is larger than any heavyweight champion's this side of Primo Carnera. He is, in a way, boxing's equivalent of William (The Refrigerator) Perry—sans fat. And he's only 19 years old.

But numbers, whether they relate to knockouts or biceps, are not the stuff that legends are made of. No, what makes Tyson something special is his lasting relationship with the late Cus D'Amato. It is the story of how D'Amato took a troubled young man under his wing, delivered him from the mean streets of New York City's Brownsville section, and gave him an opportunity to fulfill his destiny. A destiny that D'Amato was positive would lead to the heavyweight championship of the world.

However, the road to sport's greatest prize is not paved by wise old men, anxious to pass on their knowledge. D'Amato could only show the protege of his waning years the path to glory. Mike had to do the fighting. And fight he has, averaging a match every couple of weeks since his pro debut.

Tyson's whirlwind march through the John Does of the heavyweight division was hardly interrupted by the recent death of D'Amato. Although Mike was one of Cus' pallbearers, he was back in the ring a week after the funeral.

"I don't know who made up the saying, but 'the show must go on,' " said Mike softly. "That's what Cus believed."

Nevertheless, D'Amato's death was a staggering blow, one that still brings a quiver to Mike's voice when he speaks of his beloved mentor.

"Cus was more than a father to me. Anyone can be a father and it doesn't really mean anything. Cus was my backbone. I'm not over it (D'Amato's death) at all. The things we practiced (in the gym) for years and years . . . now I'm starting to do them and he's not around to see it.

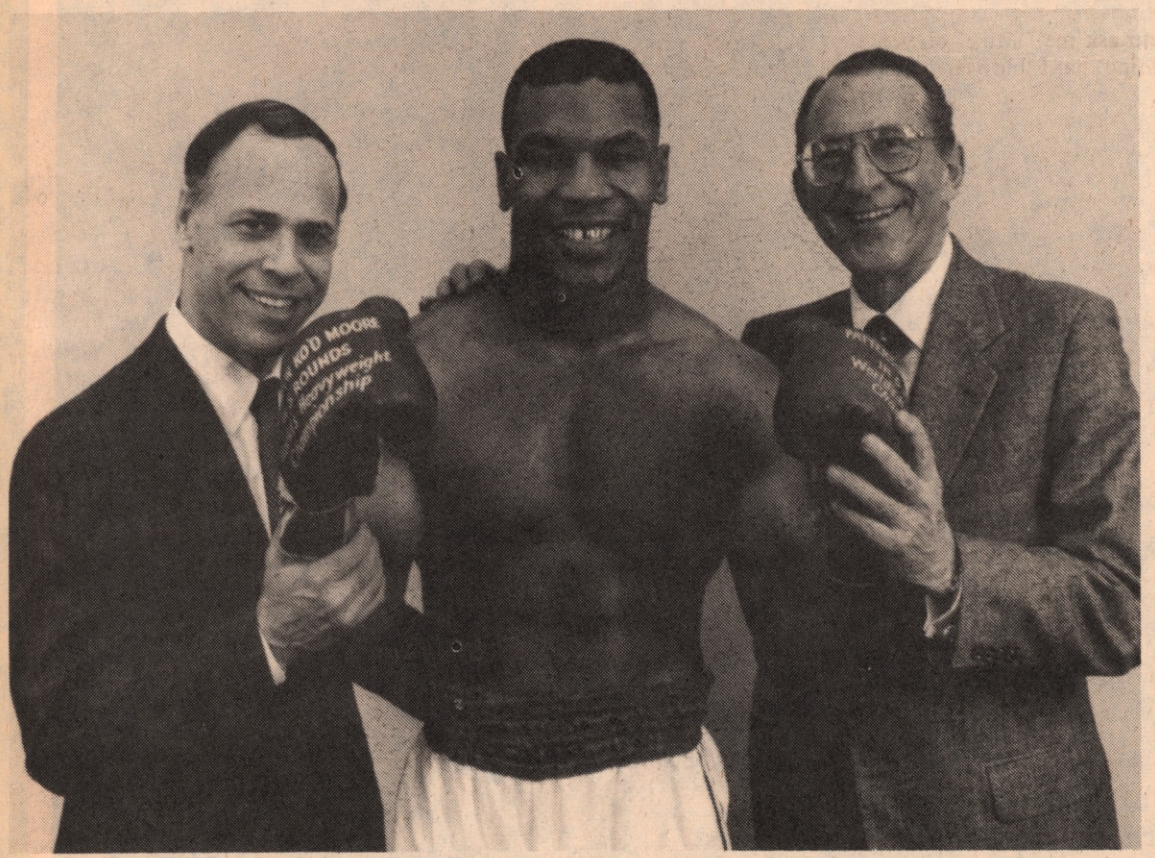
"As a person, I'm just not happy. I'm not in a state where I hate the world and want to commit suicide. Far from it. It's just that although I'm somewhat successful, the people I enjoy the most, like Cus and my mother, aren't here. I know life goes on, but it's tough when you lose two important people."

The heavyweight dreadnought seemed paradoxically vulnerable in his grief, but Tyson didn't always have such faith in D'Amato. It took time. When the State of New York first released Mike into Cus' custody, he couldn't quite figure out where the old man was coming from.

"I didn't know what was going on. I didn't trust him," recalled Tyson when asked about his early days in D'Amato's Catskill Mountain retreat. "The real objective for me was to get out of that place I was in (Tryon School in Johnstown, New York, a penal institution for incorrigible boys). I wanted to get the hell out of there."

Tyson downplays his wild years on the streets, saying: "I wasn't really a bad kid. I used to rob and steal. Other people may consider that bad, but in my atmosphere and neighborhood, it wasn't shit. Other guys did worse things. They murdered people."

At first, D'Amato's home was just another prison to Tyson, but slowly the child of the ghetto was won over by Cus's kindness and understanding. According to Mike, it took the better part of two years, but eventually, he grew to trust and love the man who had, in a different era, taken



The winning team (from left to right) of Jim Jacobs, Mike Tyson and Bill Cayton.

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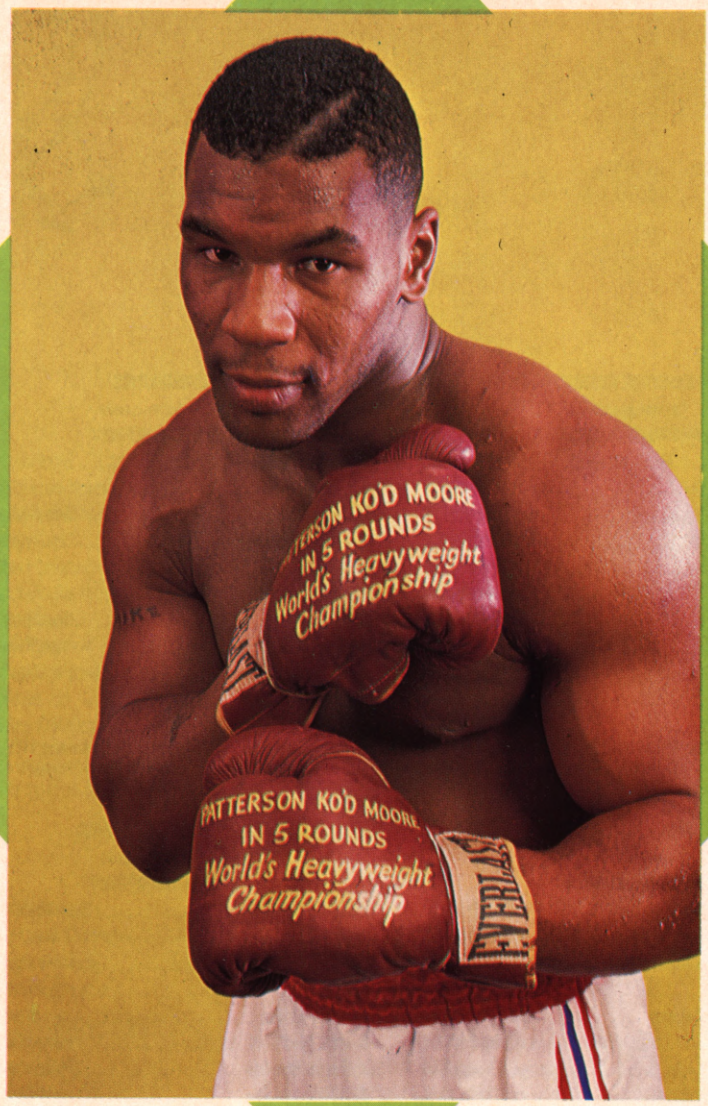

Mike Tyson poses in the gloves worn by Floyd Patterson when he won the heavyweight championship with a fifth round knockout over Archie Moore on November 30, 1956. Patterson, who was also guided by Cus D'Amato, was the youngest man to ever win the heavyweight title. Floyd says he is "pulling" for Mike to beat his record.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
3. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Tony Tubbs*** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
5. **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
6. **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
7. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
8. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.
9. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
10. **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio

11. David Bey 12. James Broad 13. Tony Tucker 14. James Smith 15. Frank Bruno 16. Eddie Gregg 17. Marvis Frazier 18. Jeff Sims 19. Mitchell Green 20. Jesse Ferguson.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BERNARD BENTON** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi*** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
4. **Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Piet Crous** ..... South Africa
6. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Lee Roy Murphy☆** ..... Chicago, Ill.
8. **Bashiru Ali** ..... Oakland, Calif.
9. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
10. **Anthony Davis** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.

11. Ricky Parkey 12. Henry Hearns 13. Chisanda Mutti 14. Evander Holyfield 15. Stanley Ross 16. Boone Pultz 17. Dorcy Gaymon 18. Michael Greer.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **J.B. Williamson**** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
3. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
5. **Prince Mama Mohammad** ..... Ghana
6. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon
7. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
8. **Jim MacDonald** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
9. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad
10. **Dennis Andries** ..... England

11. Grover Robinson 12. Slobodan Kacar 13. Alex Blanchard 14. Evander Holyfield 15. Poncho Carter 16. Kelvin Kelly 17. Freddie Guzman 18. Clarence Osby 19. Marvin Mack 20. Tim Broady.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* **☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
5. **Herol Graham** ..... England
6. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
7. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
8. **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
10. **Chong-Pal Park** ..... Korea

11. John Collins 12. Mustafa Hamsho 13. Dwight Davison 14. Curtis Parker 15. Murray Sutherland 16. Iran Barkley 17. Alex Ramos 18. Mark Holmes.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Carlos Santos☆** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
6. **Buster Drayton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
8. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada

11. Darnell Knox 12. Lindell Holmes 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. James Green 15. Robert Hines 16. Sean Mannion 17. In-Chul Baek, 18. Earl Hargrove 19. Troy Darrell.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DONALD CURRY* **☆ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
1. **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
3. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
4. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
7. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
8. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
9. **Horace Shufford** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
10. **Sylvester Mittee** ..... England

11. Manning Galloway 12. Herman Montes 13. Vincent Pettway 14. John Munduga 15. Jerome Kinney 16. Carlos Trujillo 17. Jorge Vaca 18. Troy Wortham 19. Mark Breland 20. Pedro Vilella.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Lonnie Smith**** ..... Denver, Colo.
2. **Ubaldo Sacco*** ..... Argentina
3. **Bill Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
4. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Aaron Pryor** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **Gene Hatcher** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
7. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
8. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico

11. Saoul Mamby 12. Gary Hinton 13. Reyes Cruz 14. Arthur Mayisela 15. Joe Louis Manley 16. Alexis Argüello 17. Frankie Warren 18. Brian Baronet 19. Eung-Shik Kim 20. Ricky Young.

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Ratings as of December 10, 1985

* WBA CHAMPION
** WBC CHAMPION
☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul☆** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
6. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda
9. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.
10. **Sammy Fuentes** ..... Puerto Rico

11. Howard Davis, Jr. 12. Bobby Chacon 13. Harry Arroyo 14. Robin Blake 15. Pernell Whitaker 16. Rene Weller 17. Nelson Bolanos 18. Edwin Curet 19. Meldrick Taylor 20. Greg Haugen.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ* ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
4. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
5. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
6. **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil
10. **Barry Michael☆** ..... Australia

11. Dwight Pratchett 12. Pat Cowdell 13. Jean Marc Renard 14. Dennis Cruz 15. Ruben Castillo 16. Raphe Sims 17. Tae-Jin Moon 18. Lester Ellis 19. Edgar Castro 20. Mark Fernandez.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BARRY McGUIGAN* ..... Ireland
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
7. **Ki-Yung Chung☆** ..... Korea
8. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Min-Keun Oh** ..... Korea
10. **Tyrone Jackson** ..... New York, N.Y.

11. Refugio Rojas 12. Richard Savage 13. Antonio Rivera 14. Joe Ruelas 15. Jorge Lujan 16. Adrian Arreola 17. Steve Cruz 18. Lupe Suarez 19. Sergio Zambrano 20. Roger Arevalo.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Lupe Pintor**** ..... Mexico
3. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Jorge Ramirez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
9. **Harold Petty** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
10. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Mike Ayala 12. Seung-Hoon Lee 13. Daniel Blanco 14. Tommy Valoy 15. Ramon Dominguez 16. Bernardo Pinango 17. Yun-Kap Choi 18. Samart Payakaroon 19. Leonardo Cruz 20. Jesus Flores.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

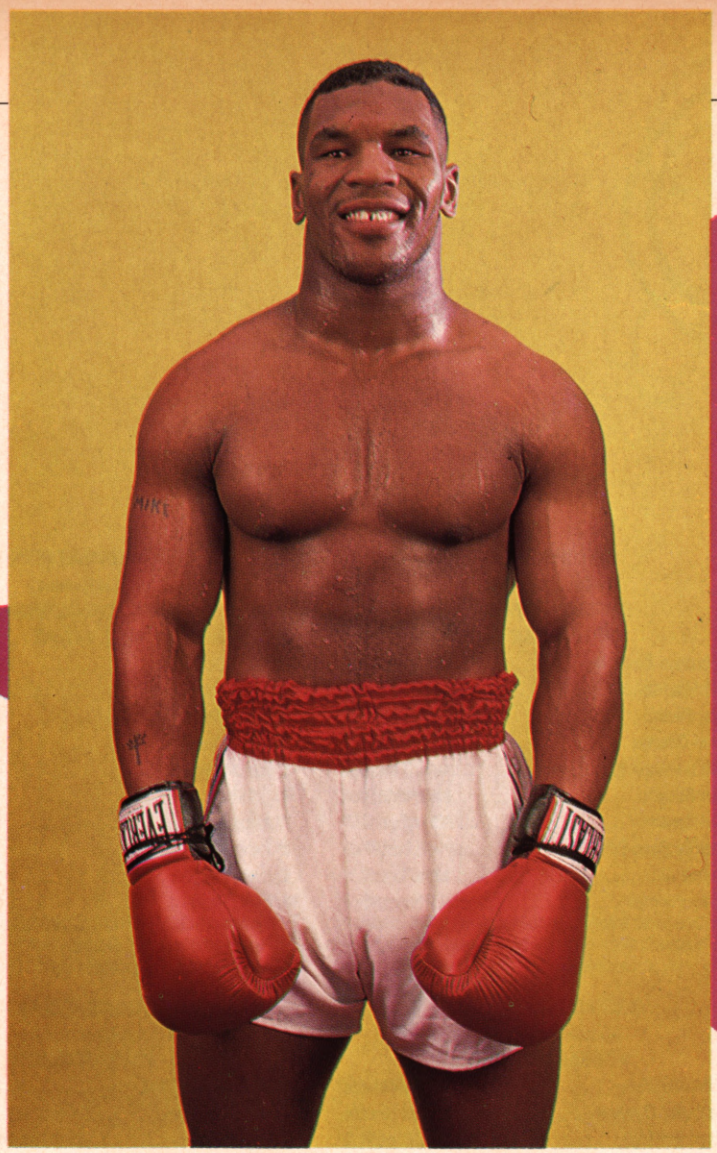
RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
2. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
3. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
4. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
5. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
6. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico
7. **Freddie Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
8. **Edgar Monserrat** ..... Panama
9. **Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
10. **Jeff Fenech☆** ..... Australia

11. Rafael Orono 12. Jerome Coffee 13. Elly Pical 14. Hurley Snead 15. Enrique Sanchez 16. Santos Laciar 17. Cardenio Ulloa 18. Chan-Young Park 19. Lucio Lopez 20. Sam David.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
3. **Hilario Zapata*** ..... Panama
4. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
5. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Sugar Baby Rojas** ..... Miami, Fla.
7. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
8. **Jose DeJesus** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Alonzo Gonzalez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico

11. Augustin Garcia 12. Javier Lucas 13. Jorge Cano 14. Virgilio Chifundo 15. Hermogenes Murillo 16. Reinaldo Becerra 17. Hi-Sup Shin 18. German Torres 19. Antonio Avelar.



THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF MIKE TYSON

Catskill, New York Heavyweight
Height 5′ 11″
Managers: Jim Jacobs & Bill Cayton
Trainer: Kevin Rooney

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1985		
Mar. 6	Hector Mercedes	Albany	KO 1
Apr. 10	Trent Singleton	Albany	KO 1
May 23	Don Halpin	Albany	KO 4
June 20	Ricardo Spain	Atlantic City	KO 1
July 11	John Alderson	Atlantic City	KO 2
July 19	Larry Sims	Poughkeepsie	KO 3
Aug. 15	Lorenzo Canady	Atlantic City	KO 1
Sept. 5	Michael Johnson	Atlantic City	KO 1
Oct. 9	Donnie Long	Atlantic City	KO 1
Oct. 25	Robert Coley	Atlantic City	KO 1
Nov. 1	Sterling Benjamin	Latham, N.Y.	KO 1
Nov. 13	Eddie Richardson	Houston	KO 1
Nov. 22	Conroy Nelson	Albany	KO 2

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
13	13	0	0	13

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both Floyd Patterson and Jose Torres to world championships.

"He did everything for my best interest," said Tyson. "It sounds funny, but when I was late for dinner, he'd always make sure nobody touched my food. And he wouldn't let anybody go in my room. We used to talk all the time. I was young, 14 or 15 years old. The things he was saying didn't always mean that much to me. Then an hour after we would finish talking he would ask me, 'Mike, do you remember anything that I told you?' And I would say, 'Yeah, yeah,' and go outside. He told me so many things I would forget them. But then, I'd be walking down the street later and I would remember.

"Cus used to tell me mostly about how to be a successful person. I used to tell him how I would like to meet famous people like actors, and he would tell me to keep doing what I was doing and one day they'd be breaking their necks trying to meet me. And he was right."

One of the things D'Amato strongly believed was that boxing was a form of entertainment, and that in order to be successful, a professional fighter has to also be entertaining. About six months before his death, Cus told *The Ring*, "From the beginning, Mike has been taught to be exciting." In an effort to show exactly just how well Mike learned this particular lesson, we recently traveled to Albany, New York—the site of his 13th consecutive victory.

IT WAS A COLD, RAINY NIGHT, BUT ALmost 3,000 fans braved the elements, filling the Colonie Coliseum to capacity. Many among them proudly wore their Mike Tyson t-shirts. Basketball may have its "Dr.J" and baseball its "Dr.K," but a couple of kids at the Coliseum had a handmade sign proclaiming Tyson "Dr. Knockout." The posters already billed him as the "Future Heavyweight Champion."

The customers tolerated two inept prelims and then it was time for Tyson to do his thing. Whenever possible, Mike's bouts start around 9 p.m., so that the tape of his latest triumph is ready in time for the nightly newscasts across the nation.

The designated victim was Canadian Conroy Nelson, a tall lanky boxer, who entered the ring amidst a scattering of boos. When Mike came down the runway the arena erupted into a wall of noise that seldom subsided until the hero was on his way to the shower.

It was a typical Tyson fight. Mike exploded from his corner and immediately took the fight to Nelson, who meekly covered up and retreated. Seeing that Nelson was protecting his head at all costs, Tyson wisely concentrated his attack to the body. As wicked hooks from both hands sunk into Nelson's sides, he grimaced and tried his best to survive.

Midway into the round, Tyson paused momentarily, and Nelson landed his only decent punch of the evening—a sharp right uppercut to the chin. The punch brought no adverse effects and Mike quickly resumed his assault. On two occasions, left hooks to Nelson's body almost ended the fight, but Conroy was still on his feet when the bell signaled the end of his three-minutes in Tyson's meat grinder.

Thirty seconds into the second, it was all over. It took just one brutal left hook to the head to take the rest of the fight out of the shell-shocked Canadian. The punch caught Nelson on the side of his nose, sending him tumbling to the floor. He rolled towards the ropes where he lay, one foot and one arm draped over the bottom rope. When referee Sidney Rubenstein's count reached seven, Nelson made an attempt to struggle to his feet. He appeared to just beat the count, but Rubenstein counted him out anyway. There was no argument from any quarter.

Shortly after his easy win, Tyson was seated on a couch in the trailer that served as his dressing room, surrounded by the flower of the provincial press. He politely answered the same old questions he's already answered a hundred times before, but it was co-manager Jim Jacobs who really shined during the question-and-answer session. Jacobs parried probing questions into the quality of Mike's opponents with the skill of a career diplomat. When asked about Tyson's next scheduled opponent (the hapless Sammy Scaff), Jacobs made sure to emphasize his size (around 250 lbs.), but astutely avoided mentioning just how many of those pounds were pure blubber. It was a virtuoso performance by all concerned—and another step along the trail that Cus D'Amato had so carefully laid out for both manager and fighter.

It is the relationship between D'Amato and Jacobs that ties the Mike Tyson story together in such a neat package. Jacobs, a precise man who chooses his words carefully, is highly respected in boxing circles for both his knowledge of the sport and his association with outstanding fighters. Jacobs and his partner, Bill Cayton, have already handled two world champions in Wilfred Benitez and Edwin Rosario. The fact that they are also partners in the fight film business is another bonus. When it comes to researching opponents, or marketing a fighter, they have few peers. But it was Jim's almost lifelong friendship with D'Amato that brought them together with Tyson.

"There is no one in the world whose judgment I trust more than Cus

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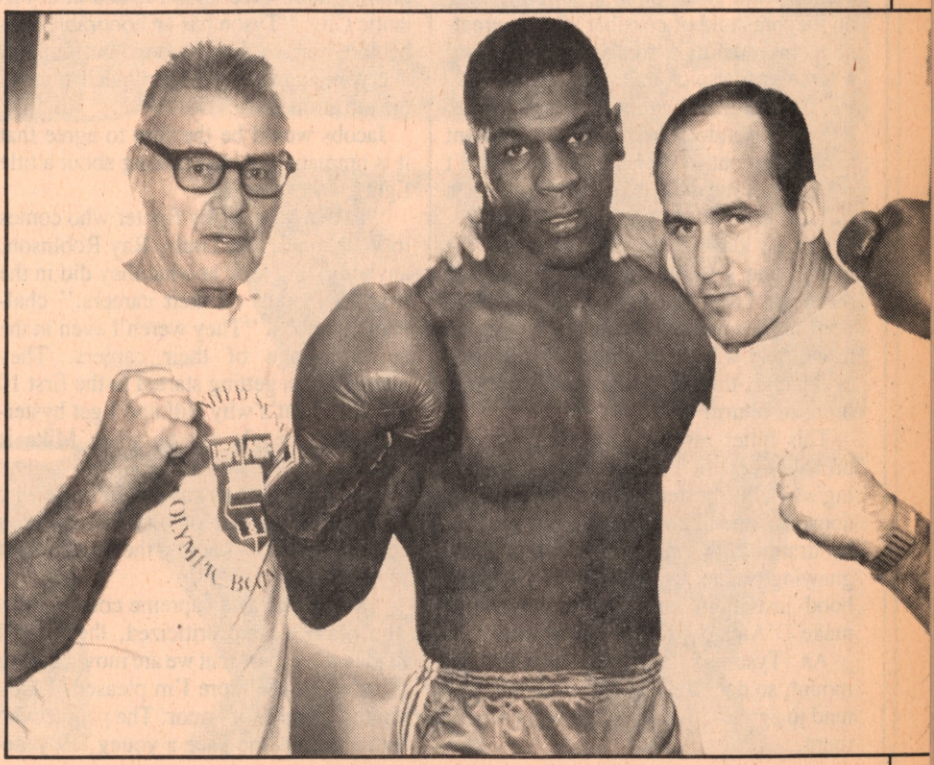

Mike Tyson poses with trainers Kevin Rooney (right) and Matt Baranski. Rooney, the former fighter, was also trained by Cus D'Amato and is well versed in Cus' methods.

D'Amato's," said Jacobs. "If a thousand people, and I mean this literally, told me a fighter was "A," and Cus told me he was "B," he *was* "B." And Cus D'Amato told me that in his opinion Mike Tyson was going to be the heavyweight champion of the world. That's all I had to hear."

What has ensued goes far beyond the normal fighter/manager relationship.

"There is an incredible difference between our relationship with Mike and other fighters we've managed," said Jacobs. "When Bill and I got involved with Wilfred Benitez and Edwin Rosario, it was exciting, but it was business. It is completely different with Mike. Our relationship with Mike is, first and foremost, a family relationship. It just so happens that he is a professional boxer. Cus adored Mike and that love and affection is contagious."

"Cus was more than a father to me. Anyone can be a father and it doesn't really mean anything. Cus was my backbone."

Despite Tyson's remarkable transformation from street punk to a young man on the threshold of possible athletic greatness, he remains partially hidden behind a screen of suspicion.

"I don't trust anyone," claims Mike. "People want to do me favors. They want to take me out to dinner. But they didn't want to buy me dinner five years ago when I didn't have any food.

"Every day of my life I look in the mirror and I know I'm not Mr. Black America. I don't have the most charming personality in the world. But girls continue to call and want to go out with me. And eventually, they're gonna look for something in return."

This bitter residue from the past will probably benefit Tyson as he swims boxing's shark-infested waters. It certainly doesn't sound like any camp followers will be draining Tyson's coffers. And those gnawing memories of his deprived childhood just might provide the catalyst to make D'Amato's formula bear fruit.

As Tyson's knockouts continue to mount, so does the number of people who tend to agree with Jacobs' glowing assessment.

"Right now I think he's the best young heavyweight I've seen in years," said veteran matchmaker Teddy Brenner. "He's a great offensive fighter, highly competitive. He doesn't know about 'feeling out' an opponent in the first round. He goes for the kayo right away. He's a good puncher and a good finisher.

"I only have two questions that remain to be answered," continued Brenner. "One, how will he do when someone takes him five or six rounds? Is he muscle-bound? If you remember, George Foreman was great in the early rounds, but then he used to run out of gas. Two, how well can Tyson take a punch?"

Brenner also helped put into perspective the sometimes questionable quality of Mike's opponents.

"Some of the guys he's beaten have been bums, but guys like Donnie Long and Conroy Nelson usually give you rounds. Tyson took them out early. I have problems getting him opponents for Atlantic City because guys know that if they get knocked out, they'll be suspended and have to take a lot of expensive medical tests before they can fight in New Jersey again."

Others are not so charitable in their evaluation.

"In the way he's been handled, it's almost like he's a "white hope" in a black man's skin," opined *The Ring*'s own Jack Obermayer, who has had several opportunities to observe Tyson in action in Atlantic City. "Tyson has an honorable man behind him in Jim Jacobs, but I think everyone is making far too much of him, far too soon."

Jacobs would be the first to agree that it is premature to start talking about a title fight.

"Take a look at any fighter who comes to your mind, Joe Louis, Ray Robinson, anybody, and look at what they did in the first 10 months of their careers," challenged Jacobs. "They weren't even in the embryo stage of their careers. They weren't even getting started in the first 10 months. That's why Bill and I get hysterical when people ask us when Mike is fighting for the world title."

Jacobs also has an answer for those who criticize the calibre of opposition Tyson sees when he looks across the ring on fight night.

"I take that as a supreme compliment. The more we are criticized, the more I read in the papers that we are moving Mike too slowly, the more I'm pleased. I look on it as a badge of honor. The people who try to suggest the pace a young, 19-year-old fighter with enormous talent should be moved at, are probably brilliant sports writers, probably excellent television commentators, but whether or not they are qualified to be boxing managers is a different question."

"I find it amusing," adds Cayton, whose production *The Legendary Champions* was nominated for an Academy Award.

Part of D'Amato's method of building a fighter is predicated on never, never allowing one of his fighters to face a man Cus wasn't absolutely sure he could beat. Needless to say, D'Amato was less than enthralled when Patterson finally decided to defend his title against Sonny Liston. And you had better believe that Jacobs and Cayton are following the D'Amato method with Tyson.

"I wasn't really a bad kid. I used to rob and steal. Other people may consider that bad, but in my atmosphere and neighborhood, it wasn't shit. Other guys did worse things. They murdered people."

"I talked to Cus for thousands of hours about Mike," revealed Jacobs. "Cus would repeat himself. He would tell me, in great detail, over and over, every step to take with Mike. When I think about what I'm doing, I just press a button in my head and I can hear Cus talking to me. What I am doing is precisely and exactly what Cus told me to do."

But in the final analysis, it doesn't really matter what Jacobs does, or what anybody says or writes about Tyson. We have come full circle in our search for the answer to the riddle the untested Tyson presents—back to the fighter himself. Eventually, Tyson will step into the ring with someone capable of administering the final exam, and then, and only then, will we know whether Cus D'Amato was right. □

Robert Colay (left) reels under the fury of Mike Tyson's attack in a bout held in Atlantic City. Colay lasted exactly 37 seconds.

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SOLID GOLD MAN

THE RING "ANSWERMAN" (YOURS truly) was asleep at the switch in the November issue. John P. Zaroian of Niagara Falls, New York, asked me about Gene Poirer. "I worked with him," wrote Mr. Zaroian, "and he said he used to be a pro fighter." My response was a complete and total blank.

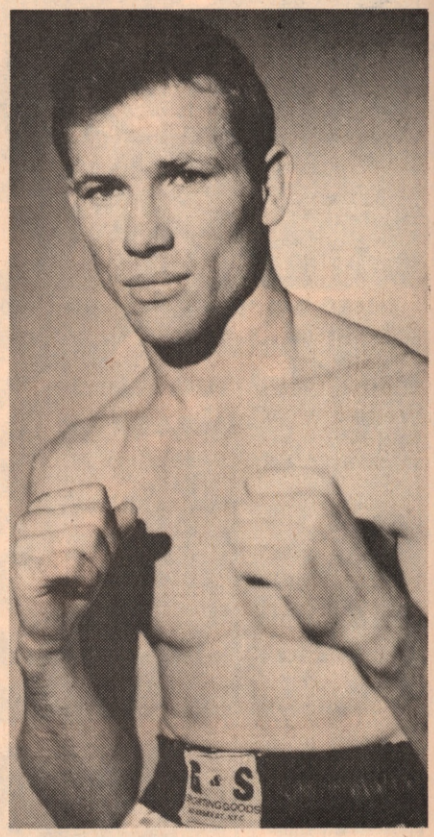
Tony Canzoneri: "Solid Goldman's" pick as the best lightweight during the 1930s.

A number of keen fight buffs, like Pete Dooley, John Grasso (president of the Int. Boxing Research Organization), and Eddie Foy III (chairman of the Film Advisory Committee to the Nevada State Commission of Economic Development), have thrown cold water on my memory. Gene Poirer was "a rough, tough banger" (to use Foy's description) who had 26 pro contests in a career that stretched from 1951 to 1956. His record was 15-8-3 with six kayoes.

"Poirer was one hell of a kid who never made it," writes Foy, whose grandfather, Eddie Foy, was a friend of James J. Corbett. "That was not his fault. It was a sign of the times. The '50s produced some truly great fighters.

"Gene was a gentleman, a credit to boxing who stayed in shape and always pleased the crowd. He fought the likes of Tony DeMarco, Pat Manzi, Henry Hank (who could knock down a wall), Johnny Busso, Danny Jo Perez, Cris Christensen, Carmine Fiore, Gaspar Ortega (a machine), and Art Aragon. Gene was managed by Harry Stickevers."

Thank you, Eddie, for giving the old Goldman brain a kick. Gene Poirer, I humbly apologize. Hope that you enjoyed this tribute.



Gene Poirer, a "rough, tough banger" who campaigned as a welterweight during the 1950s, is featured in this month's "Solid Goldman."

TITLES, TITLES, AND MORE TITLES are bewildering the boxing fan of today, who needs a *Ring Record Book* in order to keep track of the various world and regional championships. Here is a brief rundown of the situation.

First, there are three "world" sanctioning bodies: the World Boxing Council (WBC), the World Boxing Association (WBA), and the International Boxing Federation (IBF).

The WBC is made up of the following "continental federations," each with its own champions: North American Boxing Federation (NABF), Central American & Caribbean Boxing Federation (FECARBOX), South American Boxing Federation (FESUBOX), European Boxing Union (EBU), African Boxing Union (ABU), Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF). The British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) is listed as a separate continental federation in WBC literature, but the BBBC only governs Britain, which is already included in the EBU. The WBC "Continental Americas" championships take in the entire western hemisphere—territories included in the NABF, FECARBOX, and FESUBOX.

The United States Boxing Association, with its USBA titles, spawned the IBF in 1983. The USBA is now a unit of the IBF.

The Latin American Boxing Federation (Mexico, the Caribbean, and South America) has its own Latin American champions. The LABF is affiliated with the World Boxing Association.

In addition to these continental/regional organizations, each country has its own

national champions in each weight class. And, of course, there are the state titles in the U.S., Mexico, Argentina, Australia, and other countries. Titles are indeed cheap in the world of 1980s boxing.

Most countries belong to two or all three of the world sanctioning bodies. (Japan belongs to the WBC through the OPBF; and to the WBA; it does not belong to the IBF. Korea belongs to all three.) A notable exception is South Africa, excluded from all bodies but the WBA.

Complete lists of world, continental, regional, and national champions in all weight classes can be found in the *Ring Record Book*.

I HAVE RECEIVED VARIOUS REQUESTS for my all-time rankings in each weight class. While I still refrain from giving my all-time top 10 in each division, the following are my picks as the greatest fighters in each division in each decade since 1890. I have ignored junior divisions and, since fighters often fall on the "cusp" of two decades, certain men are listed twice. I have not included the 1980s.

Fighters, their managers, and their promoters are hereby requested to send their complete professional records, along with name, home city, weight class, height, birthdate, birthplace, and name of manager, to this writer for inclusion in the 1986 Ring Record Book & Boxing Encyclopedia. Please mail all records as soon as you have fought your last fight for 1985. Managers: Include your name, address, and telephone number for inclusion in the Directory of Managers, Promoters, and Trainers. All records will be checked against our own figures, and with outside sources. Mail to:

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1890-99

Flyweight	Jimmy Barry
Bantamweight	George Dixon
Featherweight	Young Griffo
Lightweight	Kid Lavigne
Welterweight	Tommy Ryan
Middleweight	Bob Fitzsimmons
Light Heavyweight	Jim Corbett
Heavyweight	Jim Jeffries

1900-09

Flyweight	Johnny Coulan
Bantamweight	Owen Moran
Featherweight	Jim Driscoll
Lightweight	Joe Gans
Welterweight	Joe Walcott
Middleweight	Stanley Ketchel
Light Heavyweight	Sam Langford
Heavyweight	Jack Johnson

1910-19

Flyweight	Jimmy Wilde
Bantamweight	Kid Williams
Featherweight	Johnny Kilbane
Lightweight	Freddie Welsh
Welterweight	Jack Britton
Middleweight	Les Darcy
Light Heavyweight	Jack Dillon
Heavyweight	Jack Johnson

1920-29

Flyweight	Fidel LaBarba
Bantamweight	Pete Herman
Featherweight	Johnny Dundee
Lightweight	Benny Leonard
Welterweight	Mickey Walker
Middleweight	Harry Greb
Light Heavyweight	Gene Tunney
Heavyweight	Jack Dempsey

1930-39

Flyweight	Benny Lynch
Bantamweight	Panama Al Brown
Featherweight	Kid Chocolate
Lightweight	Tony Canzoneri
Welterweight	Henry Armstrong
Middleweight	Freddie Steele
Light Heavyweight	Maxie Rosenbloom
Heavyweight	Joe Louis

1940-49

Flyweight	Rinty Monaghan
Bantamweight	Manuel Ortiz
Featherweight	Willie Pep
Lightweight	Ike Williams
Welterweight	Sugar Ray Robinson
Middleweight	Marcel Cerdan
Light Heavyweight	Billy Conn
Heavyweight	Joe Louis

1950-59

Flyweight	Pascual Perez
Bantamweight	Jose Becerra
Featherweight	Sandy Saddler
Lightweight	Joe Brown
Welterweight	Kid Gavilan
Middleweight	Sugar Ray Robinson
Light Heavyweight	Archie Moore
Heavyweight	Rocky Marciano

1960-69

Flyweight	Horacio Accavallo
Bantamweight	Eder Jofre
Featherweight	Vicente Saldivar
Lightweight	Carlos Ortiz
Welterweight	Emile Griffith
Middleweight	Dick Tiger
Light Heavyweight	Bob Foster
Heavyweight	Muhammad Ali

1970-79

Flyweight	Miguel Canto
Bantamweight	Carlos Zarate
Featherweight	Alexis Arguello
Lightweight	Roberto Duran
Welterweight	Jose Napoles
Middleweight	Carlos Monzon
Light Heavyweight	Bob Foster
Heavyweight	Muhammad Ali

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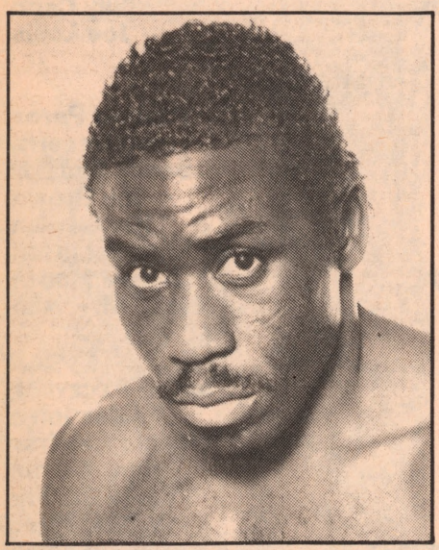

PHOTO BY PETE GOLDFIELD

Lindell Holmes KO'd Luis Rivera in the eighth round to advance in the Forum Middleweight Tournament.

CALIFORNIA

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Diomedis Colome, 147, Hawthorne, advanced to the finals of The Forum Welterweight Tournament with a 10-round majority decision over previously unbeaten Derrick Kelly, 146, Los Angeles. Colome was too strong, forcing Kelly on the defensive with constant pressure. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 97-94; judge Gwen Farrell, 96-96; judge Pat Connolly, 98-94.

Lindell Holmes, 149, Detroit, knocked out Luis Rivera, 156¼, Camden, New Jersey, in 1:47 of the eighth of a scheduled 10-round Forum Middleweight Tournament elimination bout. Left hooks floored Rivera in both the fifth and the eighth. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Jack Padia, 159, Penngrove, also advanced to the middleweight semi-finals by scoring a 10-round unanimous decision over Steve Renwick, 157¼, Wellington, New Zealand. Renwick was down in the fourth. Scoring: referee Connolly, 97-94; judge Farrell, 97-93; judge Jen-Kin, 97-92.

Ralph Gutierrez, 123, Temple City, TKO'd unlucky John Watkins, 124½, Los Angeles, with only 0:16 remaining in their scheduled six. Watkins was ahead on points but could not continue because of a badly cut left eye. Connolly, referee.

Glen McGee, 146, Compton, kayoed Jorge Lua, 144¼, La Puente, who was counted out by referee Jen-Kin at 2:16 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Hard hitting prospect Kevin Payne, 149, Carson, opened up in the third to convincingly halt comebacking Mike Mayon, 147, San Diego. Referee Connolly immediately stopped the fight at 1:28 of the round after Mayon had been floored.

Debuting James Evans, 140, Santa Paula, was an easy unanimous winner over Lawrence Caver, 138¼, Los Angeles, four. Jen-Kin, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(10-15-85)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Tony DeLuca, 110¾, San Diego, knocked out Manuel Martinez, 112, Los Angeles, with a right to the temple in 2:55 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Frank Rustich, referee.

Unbeaten cruiserweight Andre Smith, 190, San Diego, outclassed previously unbeaten heavyweight Pierre Marchano, 215, San Diego. Marchand, cut under the left eye in the first, turned his back and went down to one knee in surrender at 2:45 of the second in a scheduled six. Pat Russell, referee.

Kevin Payne, 149, Carson, scored his second quick win in three nights by halting shorter Ray Taylor, 149, San Diego, in 2:37 of the third round in a scheduled six. Taylor was floored twice. Rustich, referee.

Unbeaten Dominic Parker, 227, San Diego, cockily taunted, then floored and stopped, 37-year-old Charles Anderson, 201, Los Angeles, in 2:30 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Debuting Gilbert Baptist, 153½, San Diego, TKO'd Drafton Bunch, 156½, San Diego, at 2:36 of the fifth round in an entertaining scheduled six. Bunch had lost three of the first four rounds when referee Russell intervened.

First timer David Graves, 177, San Diego, unanimously outpointed winless Curtis Starling, 174, San Diego, four, not losing a round. Russell, referee.

Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Elson Irwin, ring announcer.
Mike Altinger, promoter.
(10-17-85)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—George Garcia, 118, Westminster, was an eighth round technical decision winner over Louis Hernandez, also 118, Redlands, in a scheduled 12 for the vacant California State bantamweight championship. Garcia was clearly ahead on points when cut by an unintentional Hernandez head butt. Chuck Hassett, referee.

Busy Steve Renwick, 156, Wellington, New Zealand, did most of the work on his way to a unanimous eight-round decision victory over Danny Lopez, 156, Long Beach. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 79-74; judge Hassett, 78-74; judge Kenny Davis, 79-73.

Lloyd Weaver, 162, Chino, started his pro career with a win, referee Delgado quickly rescuing Tony Paisson, 159, Pasadena, at 1:30 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Rod Starks, 150, Cypress, unanimously outpointed Terry Burton, 146½, Oakland. Starks outboxed Burton in three of the four scheduled rounds. Davis, referee.

Unbeaten Ernie Nava, 137, Hawaiian Gardens, unanimously outscored late substitute Martin Lujan, 140, Santa Ana, four, not losing a round. Davis, referee.

Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, promoter.
(10-24-85)

▶**RESEDA—Country Club**—Unknown Dee Collier, 210, Los Angeles, shockingly knocked out popular fighter-actor Randall (Tex) Cobb, 230, Sherman Oaks, in just 2:33 of the first round in a scheduled 10. It was the first stoppage loss in Cobb's 33-fight career. Heavyweight punchers such as Earne Shavers, Ken Norton, and Larry Holmes could not floor Cobb. Collier had him on the canvas six times, two of which were ruled slips. Lou Filippo was the patient referee.

Local favorite Frankie Duarte, 119, Venice, and world rated Freddie Jackson, 120, Houston, fought to a technical draw in 2:38 of the second in a scheduled 10 when Duarte was cut on the right eyelid by an unintentional head butt. Jackson won the first on all three scorecards. Duarte floored Jackson in the second. Marty Denkin, referee.

The packed house was also disappointed when Art Lizarraga, 142, San Bernardino, stopped Danny Ortiz, 140, Simi, in 1:14 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Ortiz won only the first and was taking a beating. Denkin, referee.

Derwin Richards, 136, Houston, was much too fast for overmatched Joey Demuth, 136, San Diego. Referee Denkin intervened at 2:35 of the first round in a scheduled five after the debuting Demuth had been floored for the third time.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon and Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Victor French, promoter.
(10-29-85)

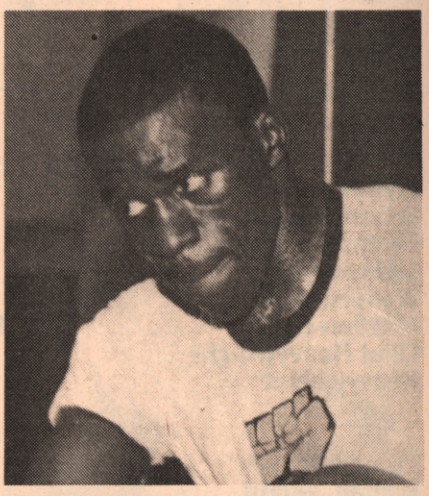

PHOTO BY ANDY MILLER

Former WBA junior lightweight champion Roger Mayweather got back on the winning track with a 10-round split decision over Mario (Azabache) Martinez in Los Angeles.

▶**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Albert Davila, 120, Pomona, took a few rounds to shake off 18 months of ring rust before impressively stopping Eleoncio Mercedes, 120, Los Angeles, at the end of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Davila, who retired and gave up his WBC bantamweight title because of a back injury, floored the former WBC flyweight champion early in the sixth and then opened a deep cut on his right eyelid which forced a corner retirement. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Former WBA junior lightweight champion Roger Mayweather, 134, Las Vegas, won an upset 10-round split decision over top ranked WBC contender Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 133½, Guadalajara. The fifth ranked Mayweather clearly outboxed Martinez in some rounds and spoiled his way through others for a close but deserved victory. Scoring; referee Dr. James Jen-Kin, 96-94, Martinez; judge Larry Rozadilla, 96-95, Mayweather; judge Jordan, 96-94, Martinez.

Adrian Arreola, 124¾, East Los Angeles, unanimously outscored Arnal Arrozal, 123¾, Portland, in a third 10. Arrozal won only the final round. Scoring: referee Chuck Hassett, 99-92; judge Jordan, 99-93; judge Rozadilla, 100-91.

Unbeaten Octavio Robles, 144½, Mexico City, floored and halted Jor Moliere, 148½, Los Angeles, in just 1:48 of the first round in a scheduled six. Hassett, referee.

Luis Vargas, 123, Los Angeles, knocked out Nabor Saucedo, 123, Los Angeles, in 2:16 of the second round in a scheduled four. Saucedo was dropped twice. Rozadilla, referee.

Felipe Fuentes, 139, Mexico City, unanimously outpointed comebacking Frank Lopez, 139, Gerritor, four, all three officials scoring 39-37. Rozadilla, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
Jim Gillio, promoter.
(11-7-85)

▶**POMONA—Cal Poly Pomona Gym**—Unbeaten WBA bantamweight champion Richie Sandoval, 121, Pomona, unanimously outpointed Diego Avila, 121½, Mexico City, in a non-title 10. Sandoval (28-0) won every round, but Avila (30-8), a good fighter, made the very sharp Sandoval work for his victory. John Thomas, referee.

1984 Olympic featherweight silver medalist Hector Lopez, 129, Glendale, unanimously outpointed outclassed Joe Perez, 129½, Los Angeles, eight, also not losing a round. Lopez did his best imitation of WBC lightweight champion Hector Camacho. The "Machoman" was seated at ringside. Robert Byrd, referee.

Poor Louis Hernandez suffered another disappointing loss. Hernandez, 121, Redlands, had won the previous four rather

dull rounds when he was cut over the left eyebrow, making a winner of Armando Ugalde, 123, Los Angeles, in 2:30 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Hernandez claimed he was the victim of a head butt. Mary Denkin, referee.

Two unbeaten prospects kept their records intact in scheduled sixes. Ricky Romero, 113¾, Torrance, recorded a hard fought unanimous decision victory over Abraham Garcia, 112, Tijuana. Romero (6-0) knocked down Garcia in the second. Byrd, referee.

Zack Padilla, 136½, Azusa, wore down and stopped Lawrence Caver, 138, Los Angeles, in 1:43 of the fourth. Padilla (4-0-1) keeps improving. Denkin, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Gerald Rodgers, promoter.
(11-10-85)

▶**THERMAL—Coachella Valley High School**—Tony Cerda, 164, Pomona, knocked out old timer Rosendo Ruvalcaba, 161, Tijuana, who was counted out by referee Vince Delgado at 1:40 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Ruvalcaba was also floored late in the first.

Hometown hero Francisco Segura, 129½, Coachella, kayoed badly overmatched Saul Hernandez, 128, Los Angeles, in 1:55 of the second round in a scheduled six. Hernandez was down twice in both the first and the second. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Zack Padilla, 137, Azusa, TKO'd veteran Andres Felix, 140, Los Angeles, at 2:45 of the third round in their scheduled six. Felix had been floored once in the third and was heading for the canvas a second and certainly final time when he dislocated his left shoulder. Jordan, referee.

Paul Banke, 122, Azusa, flattened Miguel Rodela, 127, Los Angeles, in 1:20 of the third round in a scheduled four. Because of timing problems, the first two rounds lasted only 1:30 apiece. Tony Guitron, referee.

All four winners were from the stable of Tony Gerda, Sr.
Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician.
Art Montalvo, timekeeper.
John Wavee, ring announcer.
Don Curl, promoter.
(11-17-85)

DEAN LOHUIS

FLORIDA

▶**FT. LAUDERDALE—Galt Ocean Mile**—Popular local favorite Keith Adams, 155, TKO'd veteran Roberto Riasco, also 155, Panama City, at 0:50 of the second round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Adams, who usually fights at 160, is now 19-2-2. Riasco is 35-16. Bill Connors, referee.

Alex Medel, 144½, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Van, 141, South Africa, in a six-round slugfest. Eddie Eckert, referee.

James Berry, 218½, Miami, TKO'd Harold Thomas, 187, Miami, at 0:25 of the third round in their scheduled six. Bernie Soto, referee.

Pete Wabuda, 213½, North Miami Beach, knocked out 6'8" Ronnie Gadsden, 284, in 2:36 of the first. Wabuda stepped inside and floored the giant twice. Gadsden was out cold for two minutes on the second knockdown. Wabuda is now 3-0, all knockouts. Eddie Eckert, referee.

David Rivello, 129, Boston, TKO'd John Wesley, 127, Miami, at 1:03 of the fourth and final session. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Robert Gilbert, 121, Ft. Lauderdale, and Darrell Pinckney, 118, Miami, drew, four. Bernie Soto, referee.

Cavo Promotions.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—920.
(11-01-85)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

▶**TAMPA—Egypt Temple Shrine**—K.P. Porter, 209½, Tampa, won a controversial split decision over Ernie Barr, 214, Nassau, Bahamas, 10. Barr was close to 20 pounds over his best fighting weight. Scoring: judge Wilson Robinson, 97-94, Barr; judge Rich Carli, 96-94, Porter; judge Derrell Brown, 96-95, Porter. The winner is now 11-0-1 with seven kayoes. Barr is 34-11-1. Dull fight.

Bernard Gray, 131, Tampa, TKO'd Ruben Herasme, 133, Miami, at 0:38 of the third round. Max Parker, Jr., referee. Gray is now 13-0 with nine kayoes. Herasme is 15-12.

Southpaw Arnold Neal, 159, Ft. Lauderdale, knocked out Joe Louis, 161, Orlando, in 1:39 of the first round. Neal, whose record is deceiving, is now 7-5 with four kayoes. Louis is 9-4.

Eric Holley, 174½, Tampa, kayoed Terrence Walker, 171½, Dallas, in 2:48 of the second. Holley is now 14-0 with 11 kayoes. Walker, who scored a one-round kayo over the previously 11-0 Gordon Cox in his last bout, fell to 5-4 with five kayoes.

Clifford Gray, 141¾, Tampa, TKO'd Jerry Smith, 139½, Birmingham, Ala., who failed to answer the bell for the third round. Max Boggs, referee. Gray is now 10-1-1 with six kayoes. Smith is 2-2.

Terry Anderson, 212, Pensacola, TKO'd Mike Cohen, 207, Hilton Head, S.C., at 2:51 of round two. Brian Garry, referee. Anderson is now 7-0 with six knockouts. Cohen is 15-7 with 15 kayoes.

Keith McKinney, 127, Jacksonville, Fla., won a unanimous (all 39-38) decision over Wayne Fagan, 127½, Orlando, four. McKinney is now 3-3. Fagan is 2-1.

Referees—Max Parker, Jr., Brian Garry, Mike Boggs.
Judges—Derrell Brown, Rich Carli, Wilson Robinson.
Timekeeper—Billy Herold.
Knockdown Timer—Dick Howroyd.
Ring Announcer—Ron Diaz.
Ringside Physicians—Donald Mellman, Marcus Lorenzo.
Alessi Promotions. Attendance—1,011.
Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.
USA Cable Network (tape delay).
TV Announcers—Al Albert, Randy Gordon.
(11-06-85)

MICHIGAN

▶**DETROIT—Cobo Arena**—While Tyrone Trice headed this weak show, televised on PASS television, the real star was a boxing first. All three of the judges were women, and even the alternate judge, who sat in on one of the fights, was a female. This boxing first trio was comprised of veteran female judges Rose Grable and Sue Denton and newcomer Charlene Warner; Nafeeie Jani filled the alternate slot. Jani filled in when Sue Denton stepped down for the Johnny Glover-Phillip Fuller contest, as her husband, Gene Denton, trains young college grad Glover. Fellow judge Rose Grable, a member of the Michigan Boxing Commission, has her roots in boxing stretching over many years, also along with her husband, Dale Grable, a boxing trainer and coach and professional referee himself.

Topping the card was Tyrone Trice, 142½, Detroit, who put Jose (Speedy) Gonzalez, 138, Virginia Beach, down for the count in 2:38 of the fifth round with a right hand to the side, just below the armpit. The victory moved the Kronk fighter to a pro log of 18-1 as the 5'11", 22-year-old had little trouble handling the 5'3", 31-year-old Gonzalez.

Seconding the action for the night was Texan Jesse Benavides, 121¼, who also fights out of Detroit's Kronk Team. Benavides, 9-0, pounded on Eddy Petty, 127¾, Cleveland, until he was unable to answer the bell for the 4th round.

In a battle of middleweight K.O. artists, Detroiter Phillip Morefield, 162, kept his undefeated streak intact with his sixth straight pro win, stopping Tony Hopkins, 158, Youngstown, at 1:36 of the second round. Hopkins is now 5-2, all by the stoppage route.

A lightweight contest had Gary (Notorious) Martin, 135, Detroit, score a five-round TKO when his opponent Cedric Dodson, 131, Warren, Ohio, failed to answer the bell for the fifth round. Martin is now 7-1.

Johnny Glover, 141, Detroit, took the bout at 11:30 a.m. the day of the fight and pulled off an upset four-round split decision over Kronk's Phillip Fuller, 136, Detroit. Two judges gave the nod to Glover, 3-1-2, with tallies of 39-37, while the third judge had it 39-37, for Fuller, 3-1, who was handed his first loss.

Gold Circle Productions.
Matchmaker—Dutch Padberg.
Attendance—2,500 (estimated).
Judges—Rose Grable, Sue Denton, Charlene Warner, Nafeeie Jani.
Referees—Sam Williams, Tom Briscoe.
Televised—PASS cable and WDIV.
Announcer—Wally Jackson.
(10-24-85)

▶**GRAND RAPIDS—Grand Center**—This card was built around the return to the ring of 53-year-old former lightweight great Kenny Lane. Not all that excited about allowing a 53-year-old grandfather to get back into the professional ring, Dr. Stuart Kirschenbaum, Chairman of the Michigan Athletic Board of Control, had the Muskegon fighter undergo extensive tests. The aged athlete passed all the tests with flying colors and the contest was allowed to go on. As quick witted as ever, the Muskegon southpaw delighted the press with his humorous verbal sparring prior to and even after the bout was over. The contest was billed as Lane's attempt to be the first fighter to ever participate in his 100th fight after the age of 50. Ring records show him now to stand at 80-16-2, two fights short of that mark, but it did not detract from his enthusiasm for the fight. Unfortunately for Kenny, Dave (Kid) Guerra, 136¼, Flint, Mich., did not come to lose. Guerra fought well and came away with an eight-round split decision to even his record at 7-7. Judges Jerry Anderson, 77-75, and Carolyn Mason, 80-72, scored in favor of Guerra while Jack Richards scored it in favor of Lane, 76-75. Wishful thinking, perhaps, for judge Richards, as *The Ring* scored it easily in favor of Guerra, 78-74. Asked afterwards if he planned on retiring now, Lane said only that he was not happy with his performance and that he would hate to quit that way. He even joked about two or three more fights. The bout was refereed by veteran Max Harnish.

In a six-round co-feature, Steve Darnell, 160, Livonia, Mich., had been training for a bout on the postponed Hagler-Mugabi card and took this fight on short notice. "Stevie D" pushed his undefeated log to 10-0-1 with a six-round decision over a game Troy Watson, 163, Muskegon, Mich. Watson dropped to 5-3 as the judges gave it to Darnell, 60-56, 58-56, and 58-56. Dan Kelley refereed.

A close and hard fought contest saw Ernie Houser, 145¼, Detroit, get off the canvas in the third to pull out a six-round majority decision (58-56, 57-56, 57-57) over Terry Parham, 149¾, Benton Harbor. Houser moved to 3-1 and Parham dropped to 1-1. Max Harnish refereed.

A successful pro debut was turned in by Keith Brooks, 155¼, Muskegon, who TKO'd Rocky Cunningham, 159½, Kalamazoo, at 1:15 of the fourth stanza. Southpaw Cunningham dropped to 1-1. Dan Kelley refereed.

Making his first return to the ring in a year, Johnny Battle, 154¾, Grand Rapids, dropped Mike Jones, 149¾, Chicago, two times in the opening canto en route to a first round stoppage at the 2:50 mark. Battle is 3-0-1. This was also the first pro match ever refereed by Dan Kelley.

In a welterweight contest, Don Thacker, 147½, Kendallville, Ind., scored a four-round split decision over debuting Brian Young, 148, Elkhart, Ind. Max Harnish refereed.

World Class Promotions, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Kielty.
Judges—Jerry Anderson, Carolyn Mason, Jack Richards.
Referees—Max Harnish, Dan Kelley.
(11-02-85)

DAVE HARTOON

NEVADA

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Juan Ramon Santana may or may not want to hold Mel Greb to a promise made to the winner of ESPN's nationally televised October main event at the Showboat Hotel-Casino.

Greb, Top Rank's Nevada-based matchmaker, figured he would create extra incentive for Santana, and Jaime Ollenberger, his Canadian rival, in their 12-round bout to determine the TV network's national junior welterweight champion. The ultimate lure was a shot at a world-ranked top ten opponent for the victor.

Fighting out of Camden, N.J., the 23-year-old Santana made his local debut a unanimously winning one. Yet despite 11 kayoes in a pro career going back to 1982, the new 140-pound title holder had to settle for a decision over the rugged Ollenberger from Vancouver.

Greb now hopes to pair Santana with Gene Hatcher, the former World Boxing Association junior welter kingpin from Fort Worth, Texas on a Top Rank card at the 'Boat early in 1986.

Hatcher, with a 23-3, 18 kayoes ledger, hasn't been out since losing his crown July 19, when he was stopped on cuts in the ninth round by Argentina's Ubaldo Sacco in Italy. The rugged Texan has a tendency to cut around the eyes, but his all-action aggression and heavy punching would bring out the best in Santana—one way or the other.

Santana improved his record to 16-3 while ending Ollenberger's latest run of five straight victories, the loss reducing his slate to 16-2-1, seven kayoes.

Jay Edson, Top Rank's fight site coordinator, presented Santana with keys for a 1986 Buick sedan, plus a $6,000 check, which included a $1,000 bonus. Ollenberger's reward as the division runnerup was $5,000.

Managed by Philadelphian Bobby Botto, Santana, 140, began to take charge in the third round, backing up Ollenberger with a steady jab. The Puerto Rican native shook Jaime with a right-left-right in the sixth round, and the latter's right eye was swelling in the seventh.

Santana hurt his man with a five-punch salvo in the eighth, and had him hanging on in the ninth. By the 11th, Ollenberger's left eye also was lumpy underneath, as Santana had his best round—twice nearly putting the tough Canadian down with combinations to the head. Ollenberger's right eye was cut in the 12th.

In the official scoring, Jerry Roth had it 119-110; Dave Moretti, 117-112; Paul Smith, 116-113—all for Santana. *The Ring*'s tab was 118-111 for the winner.

In the 10-round semi-windup, Houston's Don Caples, 129, remained undefeated while running the same status for Darrell Savoy, 129¼, Carencro, La., to win ESPN's Western Regional championship on a unanimous decision.

Caples improved his record to 11-0-1, three kayoes, using his superior height and speed to completely frustrate the Louisiana boxer, whose reading is now 15-1, eight kayoes. The winner's successful battle plan was stick and move, prompting Savoy to accidentally land low blows in the exchanges.

Caples took low, but non-damaging blows in the third, fifth, and seventh rounds, but only had a point taken away from Savoy by referee Joey Curtis in the fifth round. Savoy was penalized again in the ninth for the same infraction.

In perhaps the best action of the night, Jimmy Jackson, 135¾, Las Vegas, rallied down the stretch to register a controversial eight-round split decision over previously undefeated Ernie Landeros, 136, Eagle Rock, Calif.

After three straight close losses, Jackson is now 13-3-1, nine kayoes, getting a 78-75 reading from judges Moretti and Bill Graham, while Landeros, falling to 11-2-1, six kayoes, caught Patricia Jarman's eye, 78-75.

Joe Belinc, 139½, Marysville, Wash., improved his credentials to 9-0, six kayoes, with a unanimous six-round decision over Las Vegas' Curtis Baker, 141. There were no knockdowns, but Belinc kept the pressure on his durable rival, whose record skidded to 4-5-1.

Robert Shannon, 123¾, Marysville, Wash., the 1984 Los Angeles Olympian, had too much class for willing Donnie Porter, 123¼, Las Vegas, pitching a near-shutout in boosting his ledger to 8-0, four kayoes. Porter fell to 2-3 in the six-round bout.

Lamart Baker, 127, Las Vegas, won every round in beating Takeshi Okudo, 125½, Los Angeles, in a six-round finale, improving his record to 5-2. The Japanese-born boxer is now 3-4.
(10-30-85)

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

Freddy Guzman (right) outmauled Mike Sedillo over 10 rounds to win the ESPN Western Regional light heavyweight crown at the Showboat.

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—As long as his sister doesn't run out of roses, Greg Haugen has nothing to worry about.

Ever since the 25-year-old lightweight from Auburn, Washington, turned pro in 1982, his sister, Pam Haugen, always

has had a bouquet of red roses at ringside.

Indeed, it has proven a good luck omen. Even when Pam wasn't present, the roses were . . . like the undefeated Haugen's last start at the Showboat Hotel-Casino, where he faced power-punching Chris Calvin of Nashville, Tenn., in Top Rank's 10-round main event.

Now the wife of Dennis Balding, Haugen's sister wired the flowers from their home in Soldonta, Alaska, north of Anchorage.

The cellophaned roses arrived on time, but they would have been equally appropriate a tad late, since the granite-jawed Haugen took the 26-year-old Calvin's Sunday shots early before hammering the Tennessee fireman into a sixth round TKO victim.

Haugen drove the capacity house bananas with his destruction of the highly-regarded Calvin, recording his 13th victory and seventh knockout even more impressively than August 22, when he dispatched Freddie Roach in seven rounds at the same venue.

Mel Greb clearly has a new box office attraction to launch 1986. Top Rank's Nevada matchmaker is weighing the possibilities of bringing Haugen back in January, against either Terrence Alli of New York, or Melvin Paul of New Orleans.

"Either figher would be a big test for Haugen, but the way he's been going, it looks like anything is possible," Greb said. "Alli was originally scheduled to box Robert Juarez Wednesday, but he needed more time to train. Paul was stopped by Robin Blake here in 1983, but he's improved a lot since."

Scoring the biggest victory in his toughest test to date, Haugen looked like the loser with his right eye nicked in the corner, and swollen purple underneath. The bruises on his shoulders resulted from tough in-fighting where heads banged frequently without serious damage.

"Calvin was as tough as I thought he would be," Haugen admitted. "Nobody has ever hit me as hard as he did in the early rounds. I had my left low and he was coming over with the right. But I've got a good jaw, and I proved I could take it."

In the official scoring through five rounds, Las Vegas judges Dalby Shirley, Hal Miller, and Lou Tabat all had Haugen in front, 48-47.

Calvin, three-quarters of a pound lighter at 135, was a 2-1 betting favorite, and looked the part midway through the first round when he buckled Haugen's knee with a right-left to the jaw. Calvin appeared to stun Greg again in the second, but Haugen was back punching with authority before the bell.

Haugen was twisting and lunging to get inside Calvin, scoring well with hooks and combinations to the head in the third and fourth rounds. Calvin was now fighting Haugen's fight, but he began to use the jab to set up the right in the fifth round.

Early in the sixth, with the fighters banging heads, Haugen took a solid right and then traded punches with Calvin. Suddenly, Calvin was hurt by a left hook and two rights, and Haugen wouldn't let him get away. Greg drove Calvin through the ropes onto the ring apron with a left-right-left.

Calvin rose unsteadily as referee Davey Pearl tolled "eight," but Haugen rushed in with heavy combinations, driving his opponent to the opposite side of the ring where Peal officially ended it at 2:37. Calvin, bleeding from the nose, saw his record dip to 17-3-2, 16 kayoes. It was Calvin's first start since his seventh round TKO over the ill-fated Shawn Thomas May 28 in Merrillville, Ind.

Trainer Stan Tischler was delighted with Haugen's work.

"Greg may be unorthodox, but we're going to leave him that way, and add a little to it. We want to put in a few offensive moves which will become his defense. Haugen hits hard with both hands. In the same stage of their careers, I think he's better than (Ray) Mancini. The key to this win was that Greg used the jab, and the right, moving to his right."

Calvin was unavailable after the fight, ducking out to call his wife in Nashville where she is expecting twins momentarily. However, trainer Jim Mullins offered some observations.

"We wanted Chris to throw a jab, then bring in the right and left uppercut, but almost from the beginning, he fought Haugen's fight," Mullins declared. "Chris should have attacked, not let the kid walk in on him. I guess we underestimated Haugen. This was Chris' first fight since the Thomas fight, but I don't think that bothered him."

In the 10-round semi-windup, Freddie Guzman, 173¼, Fort Worth, Texas, outpressured and outmauled Mike Sedillo, 174¼, Chino, Calif., to win the ESPN Western Regional light heavyweight title. Guzman's record rose to 18-1, 14 kayoes, while Sedillo fell to 15-2, seven knockouts.

Gil Davila, 120, Pomona, Calif., scored his ninth win, stopping David Bastian, 121, Los Angeles, on a first round TKO at 2:32 of a scheduled eight-round bout.

Vincent Releford, 140¾, Fort Worth, Texas, body punched Bob Smith, 138¾, Los Angeles, into a TKO victim at 2:59 of the first round. Releford improved his ledger to 7-0, six kayoes. Smith is 2-1, two kayoes.

Israel Coles, 161, Las Vegas, stopped Juan Frias, 159¾, Tucson, Ariz., on a TKO at 2:07 of the first round.

Ruben Posada, 147¼, Las Vegas, punched Jose Serna, 148¾, Los Angeles, throughout three rounds before referee Toby Gibson would not let Serna come out for the fourth.
(11-06-85)

▶LAS VEGAS—Hilton—The undercard of the Curry-McCrory welterweight unification.

Hurley Snead, 119¾, Detroit, improved his record to 25-1-1, 16 KOs by gaining a TKO victory when Jose "Pulga" Torres, Tucson, Az., failed to answer the bell for the fifth round in a scheduled 10-rounder. Torres fell to 23-15-2, 12 KOs.

Ireleis "Cubanito" Perez, 140½, Las Vegas, lifted his credentials to 31-1, 24 KOs with an easy 10-round decision over Ali Karin Muhammad, 139½, Las Vegas. Muhammad's log is now 12-5, 4 KOs.

Robbie Sims, 160½, Brockton, Ma., dropped Mario Tineo, 161, Tucson, Az., twice in the fourth round with short right hands to gain a TKO victory at 1:40 in a scheduled 10-round bout. Sims' ledger improved to 25-4-1, 17 KOs, while Tineo dipped to 14-8, 7 KOs.

Gil Davila, 120½, Pomona, Ca., continued to 13-0-1, 7 KOs with an easy four-round decision over Donnie Porter, 121, Las Vegas, who fell to 5-5, 2 KOs.

John Christian, 205¼, outmauled Oliver McCall, 213, Chicago, to win a unanimous four-round decision. Christian is now 4-0 while McCall is 1-1.
(11-6-85)

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Hollywood's middleweight Michael Nunn (right) finally breaks through Jorge Amparo's awkward defense enroute to an eight-round decision at the Showboat hotel-casino.

▶LAS VEGAS—Showboat—Undefeated and highly regarded Michael Nunn drew his first 10-round assignment last December at the Forum in Inglewood, California, and whatever the outcome, he had to be grateful that opposing Billy (The Kid) Robertson of Los Angeles was an authentic boxer-puncher.

The 22-year-old Nunn, a transplanted Davenport, Iowa native now out of North Hollywood, California, has had his fill with mauling brawlers, notably in his last start at the Showboat Hotel-Casino, where he attracted only a house full of boos in unanimously decisioning Jorge Amparo of Los Angeles over eight rounds.

Nunn, 160½, improved his record to 10-0, but for the second straight outing, the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic alternate failed to gain his ninth knockout. Amparo, 161, whose ring style is no style, dropped to 8-5-1 with eight kayoes in Top Rank's ESPN semi-windup.

Nunn was most effective in using a sharp jab at long range, but much too often he permitted the unorthodox Amparo to walk in and nullify the offense by lunging or holding.

"Naurally, I'm not pleased with the win, but Amparo was very strong, and he kept stepping on my toes," Michael complained. "This kind of opponent is very hard to fight, and I really only caught him with solid punches a couple of times."

Nunn drew the ire of the crowd with his constant back pedaling, even though he was scoring points with combinations to the head.

Sammy Fuentes, a 21-year-old Puerto Rican fighting out of New York, made an impressive western debut when he stopped veteran Roberto Juarez of Stockton, California, at 2:28 of the eighth round in a main event scheduled for 10 rounds.

Fuentes arrived in Las Vegas hailed as an outstanding prospect, having placed former International Boxing Federation lightweight champion Harry Arroyo into retirement with a seventh round knockout October 9 in Atlantic City.

Fuentes, 138½, raised his credentials to 10-1, seven kayoes, while Juarez, 140, fell to 13-11-1, seven knockouts.

Fuentes dropped Juarez with a left hook 20 seconds into the first round. The durable Juarez was stunned several times in the middle rounds—particularly in the fifth, when Fuentes landed a 20-punch volley—but he wouldn't go down to stay until the eighth.

After heavy body punching, Fuentes set up Juarez with a left hook in the eighth, and finished the job with combinations to the head and body. Referee Joey Curtis halted the bout as Juarez sagged to his knees.

Andy Minsker, Milwaukee, Oregon hopeful, turned in the most impressive performance of the night when he TKO'd veteran Carlton (Two Gun) Sparrow of Las Vegas at 57 seconds of the fifth round in a slated eight.

Minsker, 129½, ran his undefeated string to eight straight while Sparrow, 130, suffered his third straight loss as his once gaudy record skidded to 22-5, 16 kayoes.

The taller Minsker simply outboxed the more experienced Sparrow, fending him off with a snapping jab, and then ripping sharp combinations to the head and body.

The 23-year-old Minsker dropped Sparrow early in the fifth round with a left hook, and then trapped him in a neutral corner with a salvo of combinations to the head and body. Referee James Molinell halted the action when Sparrow sagged to the canvas.

Javier Suarzo, 148, tucson, had too much power for Zack Hewitt, 154¾, San Francisco, stopping him at 1:46 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Suarzo, boosting his ledger to 14-1, three kayoes, hurt Hewitt with a left-right and continued to land unanswered punches to the head before referee Molinell abbreviated the action. Hewitt's log dipped to 9-4, six knockouts.

Danny Lindstorm, 175, Las Vegas, won his third straight by knockout, erasing Curtis Starling, 175, San Diego, at 2:41 of the first round. Referee Carlos Padilla stopped the bout when Starling sagged into a neutral corner, having suffered his third loss in

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▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Edwin Curet won the ESPN lightweight crown, looking for the second straight time like a playground bully. Curet's TKO victory over green kid Gary (Black Stallion) Williams was so easy, it was almost an embarrassment to the normally red-hot cable TV tourney. Showing not even a mastery of the fundamentals, the free-swinging Williams, 135, Pomona, Calif., lunged into counters by the slick Curet, 134¼, Brockton, with numbing regularity. Only Gary's spirit and Edwin's lack of power prolonged the drubbing into the eighth, by which time the west coaster was battered almost to a standstill. Referee Tony Perez refused Williams a continuance into the ninth round of the scheduled 12. "I knew from watching the tapes that this guy didn't use a jab," the winner understated. "I made him pay for that."

In a tournament junior lightweight bout, sleeper Anthony English, 128¼, Camden, took the Eastern title with a controversial unanimous win over heralded J. L. Ivey, 130, Detroit, 10. In a constantly seesawing, action battle, Ivey at times boxed beautifully, outspeeding English with blazing combinations. But the stalking Anthony made J. L. pay when he could catch him. Ultimately, Ivey proved his own worst enemy, often lunging wildly away as if in full flight, when a casual slip wouldn't have called so much attention to Anthony's offense. Ivey wilted in the middle rounds, revived, then had his knees buckled in a bristling 10th. The scoring was surprisingly consistent for such a difficult contest: Ted Larve, 6-2-2; Richard F. Murry and joe Pasquale, both 6-3-1. Ivey's manager, Emmanuel Steward, denounced the verdict to the point of almost crying fix. But Anthony reminded it was J. L. who had gotten the decision over him in a previous match in Detroit. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Cedric Parsons, 190, Halifax, Nova Scotia, proved too big and strong for Stanley Ross, 181¼, Philadelphia, with a unanimous win, eight. Ross was hurt by a booming right in the third, but came back to drop Parsons with a left hook counter ending the fourth. Cedric was still shaky going into the fifth, but Stanley labored to no avail—until he tired and was stung by a right. Parsons took over from there, as Stanley wilted and was never again a threat. Tony Perez, referee.

Crowd pleaser Henry Milligan, 190¼, Wilmington, looked sharp, taking out a difficult spoiler, Jimmy Harrison, 193, Boston, cleanly. Harrison was dropped with a right for a TKO at 2:02 of the third in a scheduled six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

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Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—900 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(10-02-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Two possibly shot fighters, Johnny de la Rosa and Jocko King, met in hopes of proving they're not. Both are with new managers and home bases—the largely inactive de la Rosa, formerly Santo Domingo, is now out of Detroit, with Emmanuel Steward, while one-time prospect King, who has had trouble graduating to main event status, is now with Norm Smith, shifting from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. The lanky Dominican, 129½, comfortably controlled the action, working the jab against the walk-in King, also 129½, into the fourth, when a left hook sent Jocko into desperate retreat. Distressed between rounds with a possible broken jaw, King nevertheless gave it a try in the fifth of a scheduled 10. But rights to the chin and ribs quickly got him in trouble, with trainer Pappy Gault mounting the apron, forcing ref Joe O'Neil to stop it at 0:36.

In an upset, Arthur (Breeze) Baylis, 168¼, Allentown, busted up and stopped Mike Costello, 175¾, Bridgeport, Conn., who was unable to come out for the eighth and final round. Baylis' hands were just too good for the slow Costello in a bruising battle of attrition. Steve Smoger, referee.

Howard Stewart, 146, Philadelphia, survived a late rush for a unanimous win over Glenn Ross, 145¼, New York, six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Talso (Sugarbear) Person, 147, Philadelphia, was too much for game Derrick Green, 147½, Hagerstown, Md., with a unanimous win in an all-action four. Steve Smoger, referee.

Ken Crosby, 210¼, Atlantic City, dropped lefty Alfonso Jackson, 218¼, Newark, in the first, then went on to wear him out and win a unanimous verdict in a sloppy but hard fought four. Steve Smoger, referee.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Judges—John Stewart, Wm. Kostrub, and Milo Savage (replacing Frank Cappuccino after Crosby-Jackson bout).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-15-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—It was strictly a learning experience, as Meldrick Taylor, 137½, Philadelphia, belted out Carlos Santana, 138¾, Conover, N.C., at 2:45 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. The perfect foil, Santana's previous local appearances included a trip to the hospital on a stretcher, and a vow to quit boxing before he became punch-drunk. He enabled the former Olympic champ to put on a *tour de force* performance with an impressive arsenal of offensive weapons. By the third, Carlos was as good as gone. A straight right and double left hook floored him, but he malingered into the fourth, when a withering body attack felled him twice more before ref Joe Cortez ruled a K.O. without bothering to count.

Pedro Rivera, 141, Camden, was awarded a thoroughly undeserved split decision over Rocky Rosas, 139½, Passaic, in a dreary eight. After feeling Rocky's power in early slugging, Pedro turned runner in a dismal non-effort. Unfortunately, the judges were unable to distinguish between boxing and avoidance behavior. A closing rush by Rosas fell short, as the slowing of Rivera's movement provided the only action rounds. Thomas Kaczmarek voted 4-3-1 Rosas, but Rocky Castellani and Phil Newman both had a questionable 5-3, Rivera. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Whirlwind prospect Floyd Favors, 129¼, Capitol Heights, Md., had too much of everything for hopeless Thomas Young, 128, Union City, N.J., who was down twice in the first and once in the second for a TKO at 0:25 in a scheduled six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Harold (Bubba) Souther, 151¾, Newburyport, Mass., proved too shifty, and survived a last-round battering to upset slugger Mike (Sonny) Carbone, 150¼, Levittown, L.I., by unanimous verdict, four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Chris (Choirboy) Meakem, 145, Ringwood, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Glenn Sorenson, 147½, Massapequa, L.I., in an amateurish four. Joe Cortez, referee.

In a slugfest, southpaw Willie Edwards, 155¾, Philadelphia, got out of trouble to drop and TKO Mike Brown, 155, New York, at 3:05 of the second in a scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-16-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—A reasonably interesting match between Eddie Davis, 175, Hempstead, Long Island, and Arthel Lawhorne, 176½, Detroit, suffered an inglorious end when Lawhorne was abruptly disqualified at 0:42 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Up to that point, Davis seemed in command, but hardly commanding. With legs seemingly gone, the veteran spent a lot of time propped on the ropes or his opponent, who was no ballerina himself. The two banged away in rugged infighting, with Davis more skilled but less enthused, while the youthful Lawhorne was the opposite. An overhand right turned Arthel to rubber in the fifth, but Eddie was unable to finish the job, leaving the youngster with the chance to creep back in. Ref Paul Venti played as big a role in this as the fighters themselves. A martinet, Venti disqualifies more fighters than most, and he penalized Lawhorne for hitting with an open glove in the fourth. Repeating the act in the sixth, Arthel drew a sharp warning. Then, when he immediately struck an open-gloved stance, Venti took it as an act of defiance, and threw him out. The confused ending drew an expected storm of complaints, with Lawhorne's management lodging a protest, but the commission upholding the referee's action.

In a rare battle of solid prospects, Steve Little, 143, Philadelphia, showed clever boxing to break open a dogfight with a late surge that won a close, majority decision over slugging Mike Goudeau, 141½, St. Louis via Philadelphia, eight. Rudy Battle, referee.

Tim (Holy) Moley, 137¼, Medford, Long Island, dropped game but green Mike Warren, 136¾, Pittsburgh, for a TKO at 2:45 of the fourth round in an action six. Rudy Battle, referee.

In a war, Donald Smith, 174¼, Trinidad via Hartford, outbattled Alfred Schoffner, 177, Philadelphia, for a majority win, four. Paul Venti, referee.

Victor Davis, 136¼, Washington, D.C., outboxed a determined Bryant Paden, 135¼, Philadelphia, for a majority decision in a good, close four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
Judges—Lawrence Wallace, Richard F. Murry, Eugene Grant.
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-17-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—In a solid-socking battle, Carl Jones, 157¾, Los Angeles, battered Kevin Perry, 158, Philadelphia, into a TKO at 1:00 of the 10th and final round. Though a hard puncher, Perry is a one-way fighter if there ever was one, his whole offense consisting of the haymaker. Jones took the first round to figure this out the hard way. He used his own head for a sounding board, as right-hand bombs rained off his noggin, and had him nearly out of there. Afterwards, he began stepping inside Kevin's looping rockets with short, jolting hooks to take charge. Oddly feeling he was behind in the stretch, the Angeleno poured it on the tiring Perry. A left hook nearly corkscrewed Kevin's head backwards in the ninth, prompting ref Vinnie Rainone to give a standing eight. In the final session, an exhausted Perry was being flayed on the ropes when Rainone administered another standing count, then stopped the fight. The winner explained, ". . . he's from Philadelphia and I figure I'm on his turf, so I'll have to put him away."

Kevin Watts, 163¼, Pleasantville, fired a sharp combo to drop Ralph Smiley, 165, Ithaca, on his face in the first, then went on to cut up and batter Smiley into a TKO at 2:54 of the third in a scheduled six. Vinnie Rainone, ref.

Brawler Matt Farrago, 157¼, Syracuse, was too strong for cutie Mike Peoples, 152½, Monticello, N.Y., drubbing him for a unanimous win, six. Tony Orlando, referee.

Walter Houston, 151, New York, beat up and cut Dino (Mad Dog) newville, 153, Grand Rapids, in 2:19 of the first round in their scheduled six. Tony Orlando, referee.

Samuel Ruiz, 124¼, Monticello, was awarded an undeserved majority draw with Michael Green, 123½, Plainfield, four. Castellani's vote to Green. Tony Orlando, referee.

Promoter/matchmaker—DonElbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,000 (estimated).
Judges—Rocky Castellani, Frank Brunette, Al DeVito.
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
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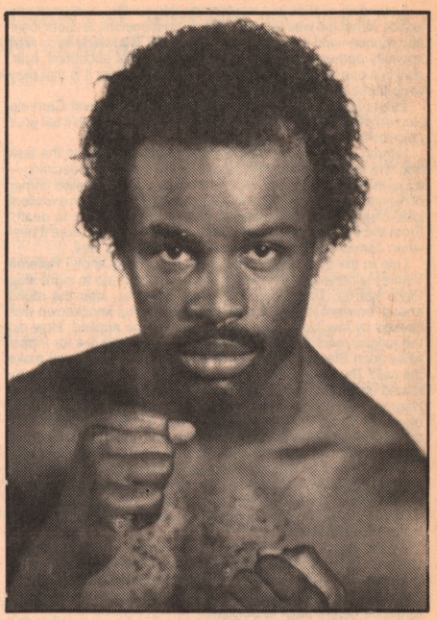

Middleweight prospect Tony Thornton remained unbeaten with a second round TKO over David Barrow on the Hinton-Fuller undercard.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Gary Hinton took a step up the WBC ladder by winning their Continental Americas junior welterweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over defending champion Darryl Fuller. Hinton, who also holds the USBA crown at 140 pounds, is looking for his second crack at one of the "world" titles, having lost a split decision to IBF boss Aaron Pryor in March of '85.

Southpaw Hinton, 140, Philadelphia, controlled the bout with his speed and boxing skills. Fuller, also 140, Nashville, never stopped trying, but simply couldn't solve Gary's style. Hinton is all angles and elbows, seldom presenting opponents with a clean target. Fuller was no exception.

Although the fight was a physically rugged one for both boxers, it provided little in the way of excitement. Fuller, who can punch a bit, seldom managed to land more than one good blow at a time, while Hinton, who scored often with jabs and uppercuts, doesn't punch hard enough to knock a drunk off a barstool. Fuller opened a cut over Hinton's right eye, but good work in the corner prevented it from becoming a major factor.

Fuller's constant pressure had Hinton looking a little weary down the stretch, but by then Gary had built a comfortable lead, and won by scores of 117-112, 116-112, and 118-110. The win boosted Hinton's record to 24-3-2, with 10 knockouts, while Fuller dipped to 18-5-1, 15 knockouts. The referee was Larry Hazzard.

Kevin Howard, 151¾, Philadelphia, continued his nose dive into obscurity, losing a majority 10-round decision to Curtis Summit, 152½, Joliet, Illinois. Howard, who never got his career back into high gear after his solid, albeit losing, effort against Sugar Ray Leonard, was outpunched throughout most of the fight. Both men landed often, but Howard's punches lacked steam, while Summit's connected with authority.

Although judge Rocky Castellani somehow came up with a 5-5 stalemate, judges Tom Kaczmarek and Frank Brunette saw that justic was done, voting for Summit, 7-3 and 6-3-1, respectively. The victory pushed Summit to 11-1-1, four knockouts, while Howard fell to 21-7-1, 12 knockouts. Larry Hazzard, referee.

In the evening's most entertaining match, "Tough" Tony Suero, 160¾, Philadelphia, TKO'd John Gordon, 160, Fayetteville, N.C., 1:25 into the fourth round of a scheduled eight. Suero, returning from a lay-off, ate leather for the first three rounds and then bombed out Gordon with a series of booming rights to the head in the fourth, raising his log to 17-7-2 with 11 knockouts. Gordon is now 6-5, two kayoes. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Undefeated Tony Thornton, 160¾, Glassboro, New Jersey, TKO'd easy mark David Barrow, 157½, Barbados, 2:37 into the second round of a scheduled eight. Thornton has streaked past 11 straight pro opponents, stopping 10 inside the distance. Referee, Cappuccino.

Tim Moley, 135¼, Seldon, Long Island, outpointed Daniel Sally, 135, Philadelphia, four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

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(11-05-85)

NIGEL COLLINS

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino**—If anyone wanted to ban the sport (?) of pro boxing for medical reasons, then all they'd have to do is to show a tape of this savage slugfest. If the sport had never been, and someone came along to invent it and used this battle as an example of what to expect, he'd be arrested for cruelty to animals.

All this aside, what was witnessed on this evening was a truly magnificent display of controlled brutality that expressed all the base human traits in a finished form that can only be admired as one we would never dare even dream of taking part in.

A standing ovation just wouldn't do this conflict of interest any justice. What did was 60-day medical suspensions for both loser and winner—and it went the full 10 rounds! That will tell you how honestly earnest and pleasingly punishing this encounter was. Mail this one directly to Cooperstown, or wherever it is that they wrap these all-timers in preservation packaging.

James Pipps, 122¼, Vidor, Texas, W-10 (split) over Carmelo Negron, also 122¼, Brooklyn, will be one of those you'll tell your grandchildren about.

Negron, like a transformer gone bonkers, warmed to the task after the slicker moves of Pipps gained the early—and deciding—edge in rounds one and two. Cut mildly on the outside corner of his right eye in round one (cut man Don Nelson did an excellent job), Negron was attempting to trample his opponent to death. From the third on, he glued himself to Pipps, and he liked it best when James had his back glued to the ropes as well.

Late in the third, Pipps was dropped by body shots. Referee Vinnie Rainone ruled it a knockdown—he counted to eight after Pipps got up. To confuse the issue, however, after the round ended, he went to each judge and said that the knockdown was caused by low blows, but that no penalty be applied. How did the judges react to this? Two decided to go with 5-4 for Pipps, while John Stewart tabbed it 5-3 Negron. How would you make the call? *The Ring* felt 5-5 was in order—Pipps had been clearly ahead until the late flooring. To further damage the chances of Negron, Rainone took round five from him for additional low blows. All cards for that round then read 5-3 Pipps (he had won the round regardless), and Carmelo was thereby doomed to defeat, be it ever so close. Nevertheless, he just kept coming.

The pressure by Negron was near unbelievable. Rounds four, six, and nine were especially so. Pipps dug in as well and neither would submit his will to win to the other. To add even more suspense, Negron was cut again, this time on the bridge of his nose, near the left eye.

At this point, it looked slightly out of reach for the dogged Carmelo, but he somehow pushed himself even further and swept the final two rounds on all the cards. Pipps fenned him off as best he could, giving ground as far as the ropes, but with nowhere to go, he fought back ferociously.

It was the kind of fight that neither should have lost, but in this case, someone unfortunately did. Judge Richard F. Murry saw it five to five in rounds, but a 45-44 points edge to Pipps. Frank Brunette had it 6-4, Pipps, while John Stewart had it 5-4-1 for Negron. *The Ring* saw it 5-4-1 for Pipps, giving him rounds one, two, five, seven, and eight.

Evander Holyfield, 182½, Atlanta, Ga., brought his record to 7-0, four kayoes, with a TKO win at 1:02 of round five over Jeff Meachum, 184, Clear Lake, Texas. Holyfield had his way all the way, dropping his foe once each in rounds three, four, and five. Scheduled for eight; the ref was Larry Hazzard.

Floyd Favors, 130, Capitol Heights, Md., won by TKO at 1:40 of round two over a reluctant Louis Vicioso, 131¾, New York. There were no knockdowns, but Louis complained of low blows. Referee Rainone did not buy the excuse for not boxing, so he ended matters on a TKO. It was scheduled for six.

Tracy Harris (Patterson), 132¼, New Paltz, N.Y., won a six-round unanimous decision over Mike (New) Brown, 128¾, Philadelphia. Harris, the adopted son of Floyd Patterson, uses the nickname Little Caeser, and he was clearly in command over Brown. He knocked him to the canvas in round two to punctuate a near shutout with scores of 6-0 from Murry, 5-1 from Brunette, and 5-0-1 from Stewart. Harris is now 4-0, two kayoes. Brown is 2-6-1. Larry Hazzard, referee.

In a wild amateurish affair, Dee Dee Young, 162, Brooklyn, won by a TKO at 2:58 of round three over the debuting Abdur-Rahim Muhammad, 165¼, Atlantic City. Muhammad started fast, but ran out of you know what. He took a standing eight-count from ref Rainone shortly before it was stopped, as the ringside physician made his way through the ropes seconds after Rainone let it continue. It was scheduled for four. Young is reported to be 2-2.

In a scheduled four, Al Scott, 195, New York, went to 2-0 as he spoiled the debut of John Pecora, 205½, Staten Island, N.Y., with a TKO win at 1:40 of the first. John was dropped twice before ref Hazzard stopped the bout.

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Main Events.
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-30-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Sometimes it's tough getting main-eventers when you run nearly every week. Could it be because of budget restrictions per show, or because no one—not even the boxers—likes the atmosphere here? For this scheduled 10, the two boxers had a total of 13 bouts between them. Where have all the boxers gone?

Tim Williams, 166¼, San Diego, Calif., stopped subbing (for Tim Broady) Art Baylis, 165¼, Allentown, Pa., at 2:30 of round six in the evening's top bout. Williams is now a reported 9-0, all by the stoppage route. Baylis is now 5-1 with four kayoes.

The willing Baylis kept it even through four against his harder hitting foe, as he used his reach and movement to make it competitive. Once Williams found the range, however, it wasn't long before Art was in deep trouble. He was dropped twice in the sixth and the powers that be felt there was no need for this inexperienced kid to prove he had more heart than skill; at least not on this particular night.

Williams suffered a cut left eye in round one, but managed to survive it nicely. The referee was Rudy Battle.

Schlomo Niazov, 138¼, Tel Aviv, Israel, won by a TKO at 2:34 of the first round over Mike Robinson, 142, Ithaca, N.Y. The southpaw dropped Robinson once in that round. Scheduled for four; the ref was Battle.

John Bizzaro, 141¾, Erie, Pa., won a six-round unanimous decision over Ron Washington, 135¾, Philadelphia. There were no knockdowns, but Bizzaro dominated pretty much as he pleased. The referee was Steve Smoger. This was a rematch of their July bout which ended in a TD-3 when Bizzaro could not go on due to an unintentional butt.

Steve Mistretta, 126, Palmerton, Pa., TKO'd Bobby Adams, 124¼, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:04 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. While Adams was a shifty opponent, he was not very strong—in neither punch nor chin. Bobby used his quickness to ward off an aggressive Mistretta in round one, but was caught and decked late in that session. He was also put down in the next round, and twice more in the fourth, before ref Smoger stopped it. Adams also suffered a cut on the outside corner of his left eye in round two. Mistretta is now 6-1 with five kayoes. Adams fell to a reported 2-6.

Judges—Lynn Carter, Al DeVito, Richard F. Murry.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Promoters—Elbaum & Menas.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(11-05-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel-Casino**—Poncho Carter, 176½, Augusta, Ga., has reached the turning point. He now must begin to prove his ability to cope with rated contenders, as well as the scales. He moved his record to 15-0, 14 by kayo, with a second round TKO win over Keith Vining, 177, Detroit, Mich.

Vining, while no boxing master himself, does come equipped with a stinging right hand. However, he could never get untracked, as "Butterball" Carter proved much the stronger puncher. Poncho didn't have to worry about "boxing" on this night, so those extra few pounds he carries around were no hindrance.

Keith was dropped once each in round one and two, and it was all over at 1:44 of the second, scheduled for 10. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

In a crisp semi, Vinnie Costello, 133, Queens, N.Y., and Victor Acosta, 132¾, New York, battled to a split 10-round draw. The southpaw Acosta got a 6-4 vote from Frank Cairo. Eva Shain saw it 6-4 Costello, while Milo Savage had it 4-4-2. *The Ring* card read 7-3, Costello.

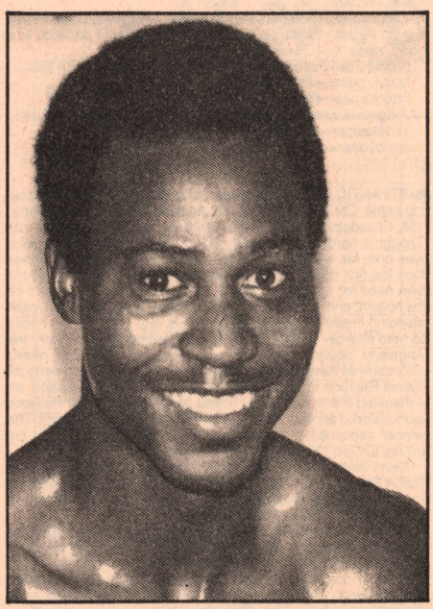
The much shorter Acosta did manage to get inside effectively as well as land some good single outside shots, but Costello for his part was no wimp. He mixed it freely and kept Victor under control just enough to edge the majority of rounds. Tony Perez, referee.

Dennis Milton, 158½, Bronx, N.Y., won a six-round unanimous decision over Cortez Mobley, 153, Coatesville, Pa. Cortez made a fight of it in the last two rounds, after being down twice in round one, once in the third, once in the fourth, plus a standing eight-count in that round. Vincent Rainone, referee. Milton is now 3-0, Mobley 3-1-1.

Chris Eubanks, 154, Bronx, won a four-round unanimous decision over Ken Cannida, 152, Philadelphia. No knockdowns; ref, Perez. Eubanks, now 2-0; Cannida, 1-2.

Skinny Sammy Ruiz, 123¾, Monticello, N.Y. went to 1-0-1 when he copped a four-round split decision over tall southpaw Blaine Gardner, 127¼, Philadelphia. Gardner is now 1-3. No knockdowns; ref, Perez.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Promoters—HBA (East), Jeff Levine.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(11-07-85)



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Detroit's "Dangerous" Don Lee stayed busy with a second round TKO over Martin Pierce in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Hotel-Casino**—Matchmaker Bruce Trampler was upset that he wouldn't get enough rounds to fill out the air time; he got 'em. He also got a close decision. What he didn't get was a dial keeper, as in, 'gee, George, this fight ain't very good, see what else is on.'

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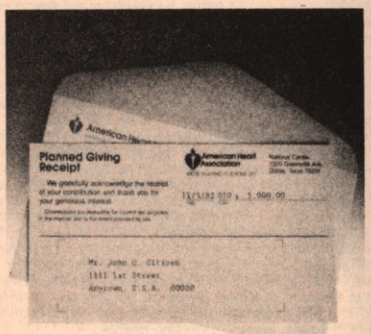

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The top bout saw Jimmy Paul, 138¼, Detroit, Mich., the IBF lightweight titleholder, edge Freddie Pendleton, 138, Philadelphia, over 10 rounds. I know somewhere, some old-timer was saying, 'This is what they got for main-eventers today? Where's my jock strap, Martha, I'm comin' back.' The decision was unanimous.

Pendleton, who is his own worst enemy, was so negative in his approach that you have to wonder if he really has a fighter's heart. Acting more like a pendulum than a fighter, Freddie slid first one way, then the other, in an almost sincere effort to blow this "fight." What kept it close was Paul's total lack of interest in burning up the canvas in pursuit. What's that saying about one couldn't and the other wouldn't?

Freddie started tight-but-confident, and after three rounds had twice the votes that easy-rider Paul had on the official cards. However, a stinging right by Jimmy in round three was the turning point. Pendleton, never one to appreciate the feel of leather, got cautious to a fault from then on. As that other old saying goes, he did just enough to lose. You can only go backward so many times, Freddie my boy; like Joe Louis, it'll catch up to you.

The deciding factors, nonetheless, were two dubious knockdowns of Pendleton, the first in round six and the other in the 10th. One judge even went so far as to discredit the first one as not worthy of influencing his scoring as to points. Of course, in both cases, Freddie lived up to his "loser's image by meekly accepting the knockdown calls, and then nearly going full flight in retreat. Even when landing clean shots on Paul, he would apologize by falling back.

The referee was Rudy Battle. Scores: Tom Kazcmarek, 7-3, William Kostrub, 6-4, Al DeVito, 5-5 in rounds but 45-44 in points. Regardless of all that was stated, *The Ring* saw it 5-4-1, Pendleton. Reason? No matter how negative he may look, if a boxer lands more effective punches in the majority of rounds, then he should get those rounds. Paul, for his part, did little to put a seal of approval on this one and left too many rounds open to discussion. The lack of effective aggression by Paul was equally as negative as the defensive gymnastic maneuvers of Pendleton.

Ronnie Essett, 161, Indianapolis, won a hard-fought eight-round unanimous decision over Victor Claudio, 160¾, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Scores: Kazcmarek, 5-3; DeVito, 6-2; Kostrub, 7-1. Essett is now 7-0, six by kayo. Claudio fell to 8-1, five knockouts. The referee was Randy Neumann.

Middleweight contender Don Lee, 162½, Detroit, won by TKO at 2:18 of round two in a scheduled eight with Martin Pierce, 162¾, Flint, Mich. Lee, a tall southpaw, had his troubles in the first as Pierce came out smoking. Once Lee got his range, however, it was no contest and ref Neumann was right in stopping it without a knockdown being scored. Pierce is also a southpaw.

Henry Milligan, 189, Wilmington, Del., continued his shakey but undefeated pro career when he stopped Scott Lindecker, 209, Dubuque, Iowa, at 3:06 of the first round in a scheduled six. Milligan, now 8-0, all by K.O., has many fans, but a chin that is suspect. He was dropped about one minute into the bout (the third time he has been floored in his young career), but managed to call on his own power to deck Lindecker with one left hook. Scott beat the count, but ref Battle waived it over regardless of the time.

Alphonso Bailey, 153, Paterson, N.J., scored a TKO over David Torres, 160¾, N.Y.C., at 0:52 of round one in a scheduled six. There were no knockdowns; referee was Battle.

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.

Top Rank, Inc.

Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.

(11-20-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—On a show saturated by southpaws, all 14 boxers were from the City of Brotherly Love.

In the eight-round main event, Hugh (Buttons) Kearney, 151, used his quick, slip-sliding "attack" to garner a unanimous decision over fellow southpaw Sidney Outlaw, 155½. Occasionally Kearny would switch leads, and on even rarer instances he would actually take the lead.

Most rounds played out the same way. Sidney would work hard to the body, and then "Buttons" would rally to pull the round out when Outlaw tired.

Scores: Al Morris, 39-36; Lynn Carter, 37-36; Ozzie Sadler, 40-34. *The Ring* saw it 38-35 for Kearney. Kearney, now 8-0, three knockouts, has yet to meet anyone with good credentials. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

In the semi-final, Monty Sherrick, 137, edged comebacking William Martinez, 134½. For the most part, this was not a very pleasing bout. Both are rather tall and each looked for the other to lead. The opening minute was hectic, as Martinez looked for an early ending, but the only other bright spot came late in round seven, when Martinez suffered a scalp cut on the left side. Martinez panicked and took it to Sherrick, scoring with solid shots.

Both lads went back to safety-first tactics in the eighth and final round. Martinez, who hadn't boxed since suffering a third round knockout at the hands of Calvin Grove in November of 1983, received the vote of *The Ring*, 38-36. The three votes that counted, however, went to Monty. Carter saw it 37-36; Morris, 38-37; and Cappuccino, 38-35. The decision did not sit well with the crowd. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

In a scheduled six, southpaw Ali Saad Muhammad, 138½, TKO'd Rick Henderson, 141, at 0:26 of round two. The shaven headed Ali was backed against the ropes, but came across with a counter right hand that decked Henderson in the only knockdown of the bout. Henderson arose at eight, but referee Cappuccino did not let him go on.

Another hard luck ending for southpaw Willie McNeil, 134, who was not allowed to continue due to a nasty cut received over his right eye only seconds before. The time was 0:44 of round three in this scheduled six, and the winner was Curt Adams, 135½. Though McNeil was dropped in the previous round, the fight was still up for grabs at the conclusion. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

In a Mutt and Jeff affair, Carlos Pena, 113, took one round to size up his debuting southpaw opponent, Ed Butts, 112½, and then proceeded to stay on top of his much taller foe and pound out a four-round unanimous decision. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

The pro debut of Ed Cerebe, 117, got off to a rocky start as he dropped a four-round split decision to southpaw Ruben Marquez, 119. The difference was the first round knockdown suffered by Cerebe. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

In a bout involving two kids turning pro, leftie Earl Moorman, 126, won a four-round unanimous decision over Curtis Mathis, 127. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Timekeeper—J.P. Mena.

Peltz/Tiger Eye, Ltd.

Matchmaker—Harold Moore.

Attendance—875 (estimated).

(11-12-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

CONTINENTAL AMERICAS RATINGS BY THE WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

(As of December 1, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Leon Spinks (U.S.)
2. Kip Kane (U.S.)
3. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
4. Walter Daniel Falconi (Arg.)
5. Luis Lozano (Panama)
6. Jose Ribalta (Cuba)
7. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
8. Carl Williams (U.S.)
9. Jose Adilson Rodrigues
10. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
1. Dorcy Gaymon (U.S.)
2. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
5. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
6. Ibi Zimmerman (Curacao)
7. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
8. Michael Arms (U.S.)
9. Pete McIntyre (U.S.)
10. Spencer Chavis (U.S.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jim MacDonald (U.S.)
2. Clarismundo Silva (Brazil)
3. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
4. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
5. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
6. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
7. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
8. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Vez.)
9. Jose Flores (Uruguay)
10. Don LaLonde (Canada)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Curtis Parker (U.S.)
2. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
3. Mike Tinley (U.S.)
4. Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
5. Michael Olajide, Jr. (Canada)
6. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
7. Esteban Pizzaro (Puerto Rico)
8. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
9. Carlos Antunez (Brazil)
10. Alex Hilton (Canada)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
1. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
2. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
3. Mark Medal (Puerto Rico)
4. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
5. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
6. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
7. Dunio Mercado (Brazil)
8. Dwight Walker (U.S.)
9. David Noel (Trinidad)
10. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
David Hilton (Canada)
1. Aaron Pryor (U.S.)
2. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
3. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
4. Luis Santana (U.S.)
5. Ricky Anderson (Canada)
6. Pedro Vilella (Puerto Rico)
7. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
8. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
9. Fernando Castro (Peru)
10. Rico Lopez (Mexico)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Hinton
1. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
2. Saul Julio (Colombia)
3. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
4. Darryl Fuller (U.S.)
5. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
6. Tyrone Trice (U.S.)
7. Juan Cruces (Chile)
8. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
10. Ricky Young (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
1. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
2. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
3. Roque Montoya (Mexico)
4. Ezequiel Mosquera (Panama)
5. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
7. Orlando Romero (Peru)
8. John Montes (U.S.)
9. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
10. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
1. Julio Llerena (Colombia)
2. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
3. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
4. Rosendo Alonso (Mexico)
5. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
6. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
7. Johnny de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
8. Raphe Sims (U.S.)
9. Ruben Guzman (Colombia)
10. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
3. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
4. Juan Antonio Lopez (Mexico)
5. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
6. Richard Savage (U.S.)
7. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
8. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
9. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
10. Alvaro Bohorquez (Colombia)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Harold Petty (U.S.)
1. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
2. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
3. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
4. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
5. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Oscar Muniz (U.S.)
7. Johnny Carter (U.S.)
8. Manuel Batista (Dominican Rep.)
9. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
10. Louie Espinoza (U.S.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Sam David (U.S.)
1. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
2. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
3. Luigi Camputero (U.S.)
4. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
5. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
6. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
7. Azael Moran (Panama)
8. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
9. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
10. Benito Badilla (Chile)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
2. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
3. Troy Fletcher (U.S.)
4. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
5. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
6. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
7. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
8. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
9. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)
10. Miguel (Raton) Perez (Colombia)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
3. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
4. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
5. Cesar Polanco (Dom. Rep.)
6. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
7. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
8. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (U.S.)
9. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
10. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Augustin Garcia (Colombia)
4. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
5. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
6. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
7. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
8. Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Rep.)
9. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
10. Luis Beltran (Chile)

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

▶**PANAMA CITY—Nuevo Panama Arena**—Edgar (Bambi) Monserrat, 115, knocked out Elpidio de Paula, 114, Dominican Republic, with a two-fisted attack in 0:39 of the first round in a scheduled 12 to win the Latin American junior bantamweight title. Monserrat entered the ring ranked fifth by the WBA and fourth by the WBC. His overall record is 12-1 with eight knockouts, the loss coming in an early four-round bout.

Julio Gudino, 113, won a majority decision over Cesar Polanco, also 113, Dominican Republic, 10. Polanco was the WBA's ninth ranked flyweight.

Unbeaten Rodolfo Aguilar, 135½, returned from a five-month lay-off with a unanimous decision over former Panamanian champion Julio Pastor Ruiz, also 135½, 10. Aguilar is now 15-0.

Azael Moran, 118, retained his Panamanian bantamweight crown by stopping Rafael Montero, 117½, at 1:35 of the third round in a scheduled 12. Carlos Berrocal, referee.

Fernando Sanchez, 135¾, Dominican Republic, won a unanimous decision over Luis Portocarrero, 134½; six.

Juan B. Torres, 126¾, outscored Hector Aranda, also 126¾, four.

Fabrice Benichou, 117¼, a young Frenchman residing in Panama, stopped Humberto Moreno, 116¾, at 1:13 of round three in their scheduled four.

The card was a complete financial flop, with less than 1,000 in attendance.

(11-16-85)

JOAQUIN MARTINEZ-ROUSSET

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**SAN JUAN—Estadio Parque de Mayo**—Daniel Murua and Hipolito Nunez drew, 10, junior lightweights.
(10-04-85)

▶**CONCORDIA—Club Ferrocarril**—Argentine and South American flyweight champion Adrian Roman retained his national title with a split decision over Ramon Horacio Albers, 12.
(10-04-85)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero Uno**—Pedro Decima stopped Raul Gomez in the 10th and final round. Decima, a junior featherweight, is now 9-0 with seven kayoes.
(10-04-85)

▶**SALTA—Club Salta**—Former Argentine and South American flyweight champion Ruben Condori outclassed former Argentine flyweight champion Alberto Pacheco, 10. They fought as junior bantams.
(10-04-85)

▶**BARILOCHE—Gimnasio Pedro Extremador**—Unbeaten lightweight Mario (Manzana) Fernandez halted Chilean junior lightweight champion Oscar (Monzon) Benavidez in nine.
(10-04-85)

▶**SAN LUIS—Sociedad Espanola**—Ricardo Gil and Mario Domingo Vizcaya drew, 10, lightweights.
(10-04-85)

▶**ROSARIO—Club Sportivo America**—Local Juan Carlos Rodriguez outpointed former Argentine and South American light heavyweight champion Victor Robledo, 10.
(10-04-85)

▶**CONCEPCION DEL URUGUAY**—Alberto Cortes outscored Hugo Fernandez, 10, junior lightweights.
(10-04-85)

▶**SANTO TOME**—Ruben Verdin outpointed Jorge Luis Perez, 10, junior welterweights.
(10-04-85)

▶**ISLA VERDE**—Ramon Collado stopped Hector Ruiz in seven to win the Cordoba State junior welterweight crown.
(10-04-85)

▶**RIO SEGUNDO**—Osvaldo Roberto Ruiz won the Cordoba State junior middleweight title by outscoring Luis Roberto Sosa, 12.
(10-04-85)

▶**GOBERNADOR GALVEZ**—Former world junior middleweight challenger Carlos Herrera outscored Juan Carlos Ceballos, 10.
(10-04-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Walter Daniel Falconi won the Argentine heavyweight crown by knocking out Juan Antonio Figueroa in 0:16 of the first round in a scheduled 12. A left hook to the liver and a right hand to the chin sent *"El Gigante de la Feria"* to the canvas.

Raul Venturini won by a disqualification over Pedro Cichero in five.

Sergio Merani and Nestor Giovannini drew, eight, light heavyweights.

Uruguayan Roque Rivero stopped Alberto Barragan in six, cruisers.
(10-05-85)

▶**ESQUEL**—Osvaldo Maldonado stopped Carmelo Gonzalez in six, lightweights.
(10-05-85)

▶**SANTA FE—Club Rivadavia**—Juan Carlos Fernandez halted Argentine and South American cruiserweight champion Hector Rohr in seven.
(10-10-85)

▶**ROSARIO—Club Sportivo America**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez retained his South American crown by knocking out Brazilian champion Waldemiro Monteiro in round three.
(10-11-85)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero Uno**—Antonio Gigena halted Jose Ricardo Magarinos in two, junior welters.
(10-11-85)

▶**TANDIL—Estadio Ramon Santamarina**—Miguel Maldonado outpointed Ricardo Carballo, 10, middles.
(10-11-85)

▶**SALTA—Club Salta**—Raul Roque Bianco and Bolivian Reynaldo Carmelo Cazon Cadena drew, 10, lightweights.

Hugo Vilte halted Jorge Paredes in two.
(10-11-85)

▶**SAN PEDRO—Club Parana**—Unbeaten featherweight Ruben Astorga and veteran Ramon Soria drew, 10. The scores were 100-98, Astorga, 100-98, Soria; and 99-99.
(10-11-85)

▶**LA RIOJA—Club Juventud**—Jorge (Chavo) Martinez stopped Uruguayan Juan Antonio Flores Burlon in five, welterweights.

Mario Amaya halted Manuel Diaz in six, junior lights.
(10-11-85)

▶**SAN NICOLAS**—Carlos Victor Velasquez and Vicente Silva drew, 10, junior middles.
(10-11-85)

▶**VENADO TUERTO**—Latin American welterweight champion Jorge Pino of Panama outscored Cesar Perez, 10.
(10-11-85)

▶**DOLORES**—Adolfo Arce Rossi and Sergio Britez drew, 10, junior welters.
(10-11-85)

▶**OBERA**—South American middleweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez of Paraguay stopped Enrique Coronel in five.
(10-11-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Argentine and South American welterweight champion Ramon Abeldano and Argentine junior middleweight champion Ramon (Potro) Ramos drew, 10. The scores were 99-96, Ramos; 97-96, Abeldano; 98-98.
(10-12-85)

▶**BARILOCHE—Gimnasio Pedro Extremador**—Argentine junior welterweight champion Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez won a unanimous (100-97, 100-97, 100-94) decision over Antonio Hugo Vicente, 10.
(10-18-85)

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Mario Lopez stopped Luis Rodriguez in the 10th and final round.
(10-18-85)

▶**VILLA MARIA**—Jose Villarruel outpointed Miguel Lequin, 10, lightweights.
(10-18-85)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero Uno**—Antonio Fernando Da Costa outclassed Jose Luis Luduena, 10, welters.
(10-18-85)

▶**SANTA FE—Club Rivadavia Juniors**—Antonio Ricardo Juarez outpointed Luis Roberto Sosa, 10, welters.
(10-25-85)

▶**CATAMARCA—Hindu Basquetbol Club**—Jorge (Chavo) Martinez outclassed Cesar (Terere) Perez, 10, welters.
(10-25-85)

▶**LA RIOJA**—Unbeaten lightweight Alberto Mercedes Cores halted Sergio Loyola in two.
(10-25-85)

▶**JUNIN**—Argentine and South American lightweight champion Jesus Romero and veteran Daniel Murua drew, 10.
(10-25-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Dario Mattioni stopped former Argentine middleweight champion Patricio Diaz in four.
(10-26-85)

▶**ROJAS**—Juan Martin (Latigo) Coggi won a technical decision over Ruben Verdin in round seven, junior welters.
(10-26-85)

BRAZIL

▶**SAO PAULO**—Rising flyweight Claudemir Carballo Dias outscored Chilean Guillermo Acevedo, 10.
(09-07-85)

▶**SAO PAULO**—Francisco Tomas Da Cruz won the Latin American junior lightweight crown by halting Colombian Ruben Guzman in the 12th and final session.
(09-29-85)

▶**SAO PAULO**—South American heavyweight champion Jose Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues halted Albert Sybens in six rounds.

South American junior middleweight title holder Francisco (Chiquinho) DeJesus outscored Fernando (Japones) Ernesto, 10.

Danilo Batista won by a disqualification over Wilson Gonzalez, junior feathers.
(10-06-85)

▶**SAO PAULO**—Edison Liberto kayoed Argentine Jorge Luis Perez in four, junior welters.
(10-13-85)

CHILE

▶**SANTIAGO**—Benito Badilla outscored Argentine Jose Rufino Narvaez, 10, bantamweights.
(09-10-85)

RICARDO F. SOLANO

COLOMBIA

▶**BARRANQUILLA**—Miguel (Raton) Perez won a hometown decision over Panama's Jose Chacon, 10, junior bantams.

Benedicto Murillo, Panama, and Rodolfo Blanco drew, 10, junior flyweights.

Fidel Bassa outpointed Ernesto Sanchez, Dominican Republic, 10, flyweights.

Francisco Alvarez and Alberto Castro drew, 10, flyweights.

Tomas Molinares stopped Glenn Roy Sabbag, Panama, in the third round of their scheduled 10.

Ricardo Ariza outscored Roger Guevara, six, junior flyweights.
(09-27-85)

▶**SINCELEJO—Dinamicos Gymnasium**—Local bantamweight Luis Berrio kayoed Manuel Garcia in 0:35 of the first round.

Wilson Peroza TKO'd Justiniano Borja in the sixth round, bantams.

Robinson Quiroz and Efrain Betancur drew, four, flyweights.
(10-05-85)

▶**BUCARAMANGA**—Local junior bantam Raul Diaz came off the canvas in the third round to knock Toribio Riasco out in the 10th and final frame.

Aldemar Mosquera won the Colombian junior welter title by outpointing Jose Angulo, 10.

Moises Fuentes of chimichagua retained his Colombian featherweight crown by outscoring Ezequiel Hernandez, 10.

Carlos Mantilla outscored Eduardo Laguna in a battle of local bantamweights.
(10-05-85)

▶**CARTAGENA**—Agustin Garcia and Panamanian Benedicto Murillo drew, 10, junior flyweights. Horacio Castilla, referee.

Tomas Molinares, Barranquilla, TKO'd local flyweight Jose Perez in four.

Juan Polo Perez TKO'd Panama's Alex Miranda in the fifth round, junior bantamweights.

Arecelio Diaz outpointed Nicolas Prada, four, junior bantams.
(10-18-85)

▶**SAN ANDRES**—Jairo Tovar kayoed Francisco Rios in the second round, middleweights.

Maximiliano Cimarra outscored Manuel Zambrano, eight, junior middleweights.

Jorge Manchero outpointed Simon Ramos, eight, junior welters.
(10-18-85)

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

ECUADOR

▶**QUITO**—Nelson Bolanos halted Argentine Hector Ramon Rosas in four, lightweights.
(10-18-85)

PARAGUAY

▶**ASUNCION—Estadio Nacional**—South American middleweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez stopped Argentine Angel Caro in four.
(09-26-85)

PERU

▶**LIMA—Estadio Nacional**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violin) Salgado knocked out Peruvian champion Oscar Rivadeneyra in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Salgado is now 34-10-4. Rivadeneyra is 19-2.
(10-05-85)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

EUROPE

BELGIUM

▶**BRUGGE**—Gino de Graeve outpointed Jesus Fernandez in a good six-round light middleweight clash that should have been called a draw.
(08-10-85)

▶**GHENT**—Gino de Graeve outscored Kid Taylor of Holland, six.
(09-21-85)

▶**MOLENBEEK**—Amateur star Gaston Cool made his pro debut by outpointing lightmiddle Jimmy Bartes, six.
(09-27-85)

▶**GRIVEGNEE**—Light heavyweight Luigi Ricci kayoed Justin M'Foudi in the fourth round.

Eric Taton kayoed Rene de Wulf in round six, light middles.
(09-27-85)

▶**AMAY**—Patrick Boon outpointed Abdel Karimalha, six, welters.
(10-04-85)

▶**FAYT-LEZ-MANAGE**—Salvatore Pisani outscored Raffaelle Salamone, six, light middles.
(10-05-85)

▶**HEFFEN**—Gaston Cool outpointed Jose Bastient, six, light middles.
(10-11-85)

▶**SAINT JOSSE**—Jimmy Gourad outscored Diego Martinez, six, welterweights.
(10-12-85)

▶**MIDDELKERKE**—Belgium's top boxer, junior lightweight Jean-Marc Renard, halted Spain's Vicente Macias in four. Renard is now 26-3.

Veteran light middle Frankie de Caestecker stopped Wim Thijssen, Holland, six.

Fernando Blanco won the vacant Benelux lightweight title by outpointing Ivan Samuco. This was a minor upset. Samuco is originally from Aruba.
(10-19-85)

▶**CHARLEROI**—Julio Garcia outscored Robert Pisani, eight, featherweights.

Twin brother Francisco Garcia outscored Mohamed Bouras, eight, bantams.

Middleweight prospect Eric Taton halted Jose Bastient in four.
(10-25-85)

DENMARK

▶**COPENHAGEN**—Former European heavyweight champion Steffen Tangstad of Norway overcame a bad cut to stop former German champion Reiner Hartmann in seven.

Cruiserweight John Odhiambo of Kenya returned to action with an easy points win over Britain's Winston Allen, eight.

Promising Ugandan light welterweight Mohammed Kawoya outpointed Mike Harris, eight.

John Mortensen won a split decision over Frank McCord, six.

Gert Bo Jacobsen, a hot tip to win the European lightweight title, stopped poor Jose (Kid) Garcia of Spain in two rounds.
(11-01-85)

FRANCE

▶**PESSAC**—Karim Rabbi halted Andre Blanco in two, lightweights.

Alain Simoes outscored Haidar Nourredine, eight, lights.
(09-28-85)

▶**CHANTILLY**—Fernando Blanco outpointed Mamadou N'Diaye, six.
(09-28-85)

▶**PERPIGNAN**—Aldo Curti outscored Olivier Gervais, eight, light middles, in the opening round of the annual French title tournament.
(10-12-85)

▶**PARIS**—Thierry Chiche outpointed Luis Machuda, six, lights.
(10-14-85)

▶**AIX-EN-PROVENCE**—Jean-Marie Gambino stopped Farid Benredjeb in the sixth round. This was in the quarter-finals of the annual French featherweight title tourney.

Jean-Pierre Iniama halted Joel Narcam in the second round, light middles.

Lightweight Nadir Bouroya outscored Francis Aparicio, six.

Nourredine Hamdani outscored Mohamed Bouras, six.
(10-18-85)

▶**ANTIBES**—Tony Vivarelli outscored Lester Boucaud in an eight-round junior welterweight tourney bout.

Abdel Marbi outpointed Philippe Arrendel in another eight-round junior welter tourney bout.

French light middle champion Said Skouma halted former Italian champion Luigi Marini in four. Skouma is now 17-2.

Skouma's leading challenger, Marc Rocco, outscored Nazario Mariotti, eight. This was Rocco's 23rd pro win.
(10-18-85)

▶**CORBEIL**—Jean-Pierre Calvez outpointed Patrick Missa, six, welterweights.

Claude Places stopped Jean-Michel Riviere in the fourth round, middles.
(10-18-85)

▶**MASSY**—Ahmed Laghlali outpointed Alain Barlier, six, heavies.

William Caribeaux outscored Belhamen, six, middles.
(10-18-85)

▶**SAINT QUENTIN**—Light middleweight prospect Jean-Paul Roux outpointed Klayima Awouitoh, six.

Alain Cuvillier kayoed Jo Condello in the first round, welters.
(10-19-85)

▶**PESSAC**—Alain Simoes outscored Jean-Luc Sautreau, eight, lightweights. This was part of the French title tourney.

Karim Rabbi won on a disqualification over Yannick Blandin in the seventh round of their scheduled eight-round lightweight tournament contest.
(10-25-85)

▶**GRENOBLE**—Two more lightweight tourney contests: Jose Maillot outscored Franck Lussi, eight.

Rene Jacquot stopped Thierry Samo in the sixth round of their scheduled eight.
(10-26-85)

▶**LE MANS**—Abdel Arick stopped Jamel Hamdouche in round three on a cut. This was part of the light welter tourney.

Jean-Paul Chartier outpointed jean-Luc Lesourd, six, feathers.
(10-25-85)

▶**SAINT MALO**—Joel Brival knocked out Gilles Blandin with a right hand in the third round of their welter tourney contest. Blandin looked set for an easy win until he was knocked cold.

Al Matoubela outscored Patrick Garcia, eight. Matoubela is a good light middle.
(10-25-85)

▶**ROUEN**—French junior lightweight champion Daniel Londas outscored veteran loser Samuel Meck, eight. The 31-year-old Londas is now 34-4. Meck has won only two of his last 21 starts.

Former amateur champion Jean-Noel Camara kayoed Michel Moukory in the second round, middles.

Light welterweight Belaid Khaldi stopped Bruno Dario in two.
(10-27-85)

▶**PARIS**—Olympic light middleweight bronze medalist Christophe Tiozzo turned pro with a points win over Karl Barwise, eight.

Jean-Marie (Tony) Gambino halted Francis Aparacio in round two, feathers.

Kayima Awouitoh outpointed Fabien Khodri, four, middles.
(10-29-85)

ITALY

▶**CASTELLANETA**—Tonino Wa Inino Bolamba outscored Piero Spadaccini, eight, welterweights.
(07-27-85)

▶**PALAU**—Franco Cherchi retained his European flyweight title with an easy points win over Spain's Lorenzo Martinez Pacheco, 12. Cherchi was too fast.

Spanish middleweight Emilio Sole kayoed Butangi Nzolameso in the second.

Light heavyweight Omar Kader outpointed Salay, six.

Lightweight Giuseppe Tidu outscored Joseph Sekisambu, eight.
(08-04-85)

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
1. Anders Eklund (Sweden)
2. Steffen Tangstad (Norway)
3. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
4. Angelo Rottoli (Italy)
5. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
6. Horace Notice (Great Britain)
7. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
8. Lucien Rodriguez (France)
9. Guido Trane (Italy)
10. Charley Graf (Germany)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Alex Blanchard (Holland)
1. Jean-Marie Emebe (France)
2. Richard Caramanolis (France)
3. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
4. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
5. Rufino Angulo (France)
6. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
7. Ralf Rocchigiani (Germany)
8. Genaro Mauriello (Italy)
9. Sam Reeson (Great Britain)
10. Keith Bristol (Great Britain)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ayub Kalule (Denmark)
1. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
2. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
3. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
4. Pierre-Frank Winterstein (France)
5. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
6. Giovanni DeMarco (Italy)
7. Gaetano Ardito (Italy)
8. Edmondo Buttiglione (Italy)
9. Pierre Joly (France)
10. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Georg Steinherr (Germany)
1. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
2. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
3. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
4. Said Skouma (France)
5. Enrico Scacchia (Switzerland)
6. Giuseppe Leto (Italy)
7. Emilio Sole (Spain)
8. Marc Ruocco (France)
9. Gary Cooper (Great Britain)
10. Luigi Marini (Italy)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
1. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
2. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
3. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
4. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
5. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
6. Brahim Messaoud (France)
7. Gaetano Caso (Italy)
8. Jean-Marie Touatti (France)
9. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)
10. Eupremio Epifani (Italy)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
1. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Michel Giroud (Switzerland)
4. Alessandro Scapecchi (Italy)
5. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
6. Tek Nkalankete (France)
7. Francesco Prezioso (Italy)
8. Tony Vivarelli (France)
9. Giovanni Carrino (Italy)
10. Tony Laing (Great Britain)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rene Weller (Germany)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (GGreat Britain)
2. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
3. Tony Willis [Great Britain)
4. Frederic Geoffroy (France)
5. Francisco Rodriguez (Spain)
6. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
7. Giuseppe Tidu (Italy)
8. Ian McLeod (Great Britain)
9. Bruno DeMontis (Italy)
10. Roberto Castanon (Spain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Jean-Marc Renard (Belgium)
3. Marco Gallo (Italy)
4. Daniel Londas (France)
5. Giuseppe LaVite (Italy)
6. Michel Siracusa (France)
7. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
8. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
9. Antonio Renzo (Italy)
10. Najib Daho (Great Britain)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Loris Stecca (Italy)
3. Valerio Nati (Italy)
4. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
5. John Feeney (Great Britain)
6. Maurizio Stecca (Italy)
7. Vincenzo Limatola (Italy)
8. Sepp Iten (Switzerland)
9. Robert Dickie (Great Britain)
10. Peter Harris (Great Britain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Ciro De Leva (Italy)
1. Antoine Montero (France)
2. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
3. John Farrell (Great Britain)
4. Roy Webb (Ireland)
5. Jose I. Martinez Antunez (Spain)
6. Billy Hardy (Great Britain)
7. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
8. Maurizio Lupino (Italy)
9. Antonio Picardi (Italy)
10. Billy Hardy (Great Britain)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
2. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
3. Giampiero Pinna (Italy)
4. Alain Limarol (France)
5. Mario Bitetto (Italy)
6. Dave (Boy) McAuley (Great Britain)
7. Lorenzo Pacheco (Spain)
8. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)
9. Roberto Cirelli (Italy)
10. Agapito Gomez (Spain)

▶PRINCIPINA—Italian junior welterweight champion Alessandro Scapecchini outscored Venezuela's Nelson Trujillo, eight.
(08-02-85)
▶MERCATINO CONCA—Ciro De Leva retained his European bantam title by outpointing Spain's Jose Ignacio Antunez, 12. Good bout.
Junior lightweight prospect Vincenzo Limatola knocked out Jose Ma Ibanez Arenas in the first round.
Paolo Pesci outscored Domenico Ricci, six, welters.
Antonio Picardi outpointed Blas Canovas, six, bantams.
(08-10-85)
▶GENOA—Alfredo Raininger stopped Bruno De Montis in the fourth round of an Italian lightweight title eliminator.
(08-11-85)
▶APRICA—Roberto Manoni stopped Angelo (Boom Boom) Liquori on a cut in the fifth round of their Italian middleweight title eliminator.
Giovanni Marchesini stopped Pasquale Rippa in the fifth round on a cut, light heavies.
(08-14-85)
▶MUGNANO—Franco Bronco and Mwilambwe Tshikala drew, six, junior welters.
(08-23-85)
▶FILETTINO—Piero Spadaccini and Kamanga drew, eight, welters.
(09-07-85)
▶BONARBA—Unbeaten Giuseppe Ferracuti outscored chronic loser Dzavid Mahmutovic, six.
Welterweight Mario Delogu outpointed Kianda Malanda, six, welters.
(09-08-85)
▶MAROTTA—Vincenzo Belcastro outscored Alessandro DeSantis, six, bantams.
(09-13-85)
▶AREZZO—Efrem Calamati outscored Naifer Faical, six.
Giovanni Cannizzo won on a disqualification over Michele DeLuisa in the sixth round, junior middles.
)09-15-85)
▶CASARANO—Salvatore Nardino continued his winning streak by stopping Francesco Gallo on a cut in round eight, welters.
Leonardo Pompa and Mwilamwe Tshikala drew, six, junior welters.
(09-21-85)

▶CASERTA—Sumbu Kalambay won the Italian middleweight title with a split decision over defending champion Giovanni DeMarco, 12. The scores were 117-114, 118-114, and 116-117. Kalambay, however, seemed like the clear winner. The new champion, an Italian citizen, was born in Zaire. His pro log is now 37-2.
Carlo Quintano outpointed Joseph Sekisambu, eight, featherweights.
Pietro Ciarla stopped Franco Callegari in three, welters.
Mabobo Kamunga outpointed Luigi DiLauro, eight, light heavies.
(09-26-85)
▶LUCCA—Veteran Marco Gallo retained his Italian junior lightweight crown by stopping Giuseppe LaVite on a cut in round 10. The 29-year-old champion had opened the cut with a hard right in round seven.
Gallo is now 28-8-13 wins in a row.
Luca DeLorenzi outscored Luigi DeRosa, eight, lightweights. DeLorenzi is now 11-1.
Piero Morello halted Dzavid Mahmutovic on cuts in round four, lightweights.
Antonio Tassisto and Muyanga Kia Folly drew, six, middles.
(09-27-85)
▶SASSARI—Olympic super heavyweight silver medalist Francesco Damiani halted Spanish champion Felipe Rodriguez in round five. Damiani is now 6-0.
Maurizio Stecca knocked out Canadian Don Bryan in round two at feather.
Luciano Bruno outpointed Inino Wa Tonino Bolamba, six, light middles. Bruno had to work hard for his win.
Junior lightweight Giuseppe Ferracuti easily disposed of Blas Canovas in the sixth round, junior lightweights.
Mario Delogu outscored Gabriel Perez, six, welters.
WBC ranked middleweight Roberto Ruiz outscored Darwin Brewster, eight.
(09-28-85)
▶VENEGONO—Former amateur star Alfredo Mason won on a disqualification over Belgian heavyweight Eddy Vandenhouwele in round one.
(09-28-85)
▶ROVIGO—Gaetano Caso retained his Italian welterweight crown by outpointing former junior middleweight champion Daniele Zappaterra. The 26-year-old Caso has lost only one of 15 bouts.
Paolo Pesci, a future threat to Caso, outscored Giuseppe Mercuri over six rounds for his eighth win.
Middleweight Marco Rinaldo halted Jean-Max Delnard in round five.
(10-04-85)
▶GENOA—Pietro Lusardi halted Boudali Boughalem in the first round, welterweights.
Fabrizio Santagati stopped Francisco Aparicio in four, junior lights.
(10-05-85)
▶FANO—Yugoslavian light heavyweight star Slobodan Kacar stayed unbeaten by outpointing Clarence Osby, eight. Osby had beaten Fulgencio Obelmejias in his last start.
American Tom Burgess outscored Mwilambwe Tshikala, six, lightweights.
Flaviano Polinori won on a disqualification over Musangu Ngeleka, middles.
(10-10-85)
▶PERUGIA—Former European welterweight champion Gianfranco Rosi stopped Domenico Ricci in the third round.
Light heavyweight Noe Cruciani kayoed Luciano DiGiacomo in round three.
Leonardo Pompa halted Franco Bronco on a cut in round five, junior welters.
(10-11-85)
▶CESENA—Former European champion Valerio Nati outscored Ruben Dario Palacios of Colombia, 10. This was billed as an eliminator for the IBF super bantamweight title. Nati now hopes for a title shot at champion Ji-Won Kim.
Olympic heavyweight Angelo Musone halted Larry Phelps in five.
Fellow Olympian Maurizio Stecca outscored Tommy Elston, eight rounds, feathers.
Former undefeated Italian middleweight champion Gaetano Ardito outscored Mabobo Kamunga, eight.
Romolo Casamonica outpointed Sinisa Popovich, six, welters.
(10-12-85)
▶EBOLI—Ciro DeLeva retained his European bantamweight title with a split decision over tough French champion Alain Limarola, 12. The scores were 117-115, 118-116, and 115-119. Limarola is a brave little tank of a fighter who never gets the lucky breaks.
Featherweight Antonio Picardi outpointed Bofunga Eymono, eight, featherweights.
Antonio Renzo outscored Faical Naifer, eight, junior lights.
Renato Zurlo kayoed Mirsad Mahmutovic in round two, welters.
(10-16-85)
▶PIOMBINO—Raffael Grasso outscored Karin Dehamla, six, feathers.
Giovanni Cannizzo outscored Kabunda Kamanga, six, middles.
(10-19-85)
▶FERRARA—Alessandro Duran kayoed Apollo Sewana in the fifth round, welters. Alessandro is the son of Carlo Duran. This was his Italian debut; he had fought in Chicago, without the permission of the Italian Federation, and was temporarily baned.
Moba Salay won on a disqualification over Marco Rinaldo in the third, light heavies.
(10-25-85)
▶GENOA—Pietro Lusardi kayoed Abdel Souhihi in the second round, welterweights.
Efrem Calamati outpointed S. Mechiche, six, lightweights.
Fabrizio Santagati outscored Abdou Ba, six, junior lights.
(10-25-85)
▶ALESSANDRIA—Charlie Magri proved he's still the best flyweight in Europe by knocking out defending European title holder Franco Cherchi in two rounds.
Magri had relinquished the title to challenge for the WBC crown. He then had been inactive for nine months after being stopped by Chitalada.
This was Cherchi's second loss. The other was a cut eye stoppage loss in the first round to Magri.
The first round was quiet, but Magri roared out in round two and landed a terrific right that floored Cherchi for eight. The Italian was then floored again for the full count.
(10-30-85)

MONACO

▶MONTE CARLO—Louis II Stadium—Lee Roy Murphy retained his IBF light heavyweight crown by knocking out Chisanda Mutti in round 12. A full report on this bout appeared in the January issue of *The Ring*.
Italian heavyweight champion Angelo Rottoli outscored Henry Sims, eight. Rottoli is now 18-0-2.
French heavyweight champion Dominique Nato won on a disqualification over veteran James Dixon in round six.
American heavyweight contender Tony Tucker halted David Jaco on a cut in three.
Stefano Vassalo won a close one over Fred Voltine. This was his 11th win.
Ugandan light heavyweight Yawe Davis outpointed Bolemi Kalongo.
Gomis Guebhouli outpointed Marco Ficano, six, lightweights.
(10-19-85)
▶MONTE CARLO—Britain's Terry Marsh overcame a badly cut right eye to win the European light welterweight title with a sixth round knockout of defending champion Alessandro Scapecchi.
Welterweight prospect George Collins won a narrow verdict over Andre Kimbu, six.
Italian southpaw Calisto Bavaresco outscored Mick Courtney, eight, light middles.
(10-26-85)

SPAIN

▶**BARCELONA**—Lorenzo Pacheco Martinez outpointed Vicente Fernandez, eight, flyweights. This was the first pro show in this city in three years.
(07-16-85)
▶**MADRID**—Flyweight prospect Agapito Gomez outscored German Nunez, six.
Middleweight Ramon Gallego halted Manuel Munoz in three.
(07-19-85)
▶**UTEBO**—Heavyweight Jose Antonio (Toyi) Castro kayoed Juan Saavedra in two.
(07-20-85)
▶**BARCELONA**—Jose M. Martin Garzon and Tanio II drew, eight.
(07-23-85)
▶**VILLAFRANCA**—Alfonso Redondo retained his Spanish welter title when Diego Munoz retired in round two.
Former Olympian Jose A. Hernando and Jose M. Ibanez Arenas drew, eight, junior lights.
Julio Garcia Barcina outpointed Francisco Garcia De Pablo, six.
(07-24-85)
▶**SANTANDER**—Jesus Bezanilla outpointed Julio Garcia Barcina, eight, junior lightweights.
(08-02-85)
▶**SALAMANCA**—Rafael Sanchez Munoz and Jose M. Guervos drew, eight, lightweights.
(08-17-85)
▶**ANDRAITX**—Junior welter Oscar Nunez stayed unbeaten by outpointing Tanio II, four.
(08-23-85)
▶**MADRID**—Alfonso Redondo retained his Spanish welterweight crown by stopping Angel (Tajinaste) Hernandez in round eight. The 24-year-old Redondo is now 25-7.
Dominican Jose (Kid) Bello kayoed Francisco Garcia De Pablo in two rounds, light middles.
Blas Canovas outscored German Nunez, six, feathers.
(08-23-85)
▶**MADRID**—Toyi Castro won again, but was unimpressive in outpointing Ali Lukusa, six. The young heavyweight has to return to prison after each bout; he is serving a long sentence.
Agapito Gomez stopped Minoun El Madi on cuts in round one, flyweights.
Ramon Gallego outscored middleweight Mohamed Amat, six. Gallego is now 4-0.
Jose (Kid) Bello outscored Iluminado Diez, six, light middles.
(08-30-85)
▶**TELDE**—Junior lightweight Salvador (Pantera) Del Pino outscored Jimmy Cruz, eight.
(08-30-85)
▶**MADRID**—Alfonso Redondo kayoed Tanio II in the fifth round of a non-title bout.
Flyweight Agapito Gomez outscored Juan M. Lopez, six.
Jose A. Hernando outpointed lightweight Oscar Nelson, six.
Benito Murillo outscored Tomas Gomez Rua in another lightweight six.
(09-06-85)
▶**VIGO**—Fernando Rodriguez won the vacant Spanish junior lightweight title by outpointing former champion Vicente Jorge "Sendin," 10. Rodriguez is now 7-1-4. "Sendin" has lost his last seven bouts.
Spanish lightweight champion Carlos Miguel Rodriguez outscored Jose M. Guervos, eight, non-title.
(09-06-85)
▶**SALAMANCA**—Vicente (Zurdo) Fernandez won the vacant Spanish bantamweight title by stopping Enrique Rodriguez Cal in round eight. Fernandez has now won six of his 24 bouts. The 33-year-old Rodriguez Cal has lost his last six.
Lightweight Rafael Sanchez Munoz outpointed Angel Rodriguez "Roxin," eight.
(09-07-85)
▶**ARANDA DE DUERO**—German Nunez and Blas Canovas drew, eight, featherweights.
(09-13-85)
▶**BARCELONA**—Lorenzo Martinez Pacheco retained his Spanish flyweight title by outpointing Juan Montero, 10.
Light heavyweights Juan Saavedra and Alejandro Cardoso drew, eight.
(09-17-85)
▶**BARCELONA**—Andoni Amana outscored Juan Munoz Holgado in an eight-round battle of former Spanish middleweight champions.
Newcomer Carlos Sole stopped Manuel Munoz Valdes in the third round, lightweights.
(10-01-85)
▶**PALMA**—Veteran lightweight Isidoro Cabeza outscored Oscar Nelson, six.
(10-04-85)
▶**TENERIFE**—Heavyweight Toyi Castro took his winning run to nine by outpointing Mbuyanga Kalombo, six.
(10-05-85)
▶**BARCELONA**—Flyweight Agapito Gomez outscored Juan Montero, eight. Gomez is now 9-1.
Jose M. Martin Garzon outpointed Tanio II, eight, light welters.
(10-08-85)
▶**LEON**—Veteran Roberto Castanon moved up to lightweight with an eight-round points win over Jose M. Guervos. The 32-year-old Castanon has lost only six of 64 professional bouts.
Featherweight Luis de la Sagra outpointed German Nunez, eight.
Welterweight Ildefonso Martinez outscored Julio Garcia Barcina, six.
(10-11-85)
▶**BARCELONA**—Light welterweight Jose M. Martin Garzon and Oscar Nelson drew, eight.
Carlos Sole went to 2-0 in the pro ranks by outpointing Juan M. Lopez, four.
(10-15-85)

SWITZERLAND

▶**ZURICH**—Sepp Iten outscored George Vlachos for win number 20 in 26 bouts. They fought at junior lightweight.
(09-06-85)
▶**WINTERTHUR**—Sepp Iten, back at featherweight, outpointed Mohamed Maalem, eight.
Sergio Bosio outpointed Andreas Anderegg, eight, light heavies.
(10-05-85)
▶**BERNE**—Enrico Scacchia warmed up for a shot at the European light middleweight title by stopping Yvon Segor in eight.
(10-14-85)

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UNITED KINGDOM

▶**WEMBLEY—Arena**—Frank Bruno, Clapham, 224½, won the European heavyweight title by knocking out Sweden's Anders Eklund, 244½, in 0:20 of round four in a scheduled 12.

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Both are heavy punchers, and while everyone was sure the fight would only go a few rounds, not everyone was sure who would win. General opinion was that the one who landed the first punch would do so, but it didn't exactly work out that way.
Instead, Bruno opened coolly, took his time, jabbed away at the face, and made Eklund's nose bleed in round two—which caused the Swede to throw long rights to the head, some of which landed.
Eklund's success was only momentary, however, for in round three Bruno again took command—that hurtful left jab reddening his opponent's face—and then switched to his right. Eklund was shaken, and hung on for dear life until the bell ended the round.
The end was not long delayed. A couple of rights to the jaw and down went Eklund, taking the count in a sitting position in the middle of the ring, with blood coming from a cut near his left eye.
Altogether an impressive performance from Bruno, who is now out with a challenge to any of those gentlemen who claim the world title.
Lloyd Honeyghan, Bermondsey, 147, stopped American Ralph Twinning, 147¼, referee Harry Gibbs intervening at 1:00 of round four after Twinning had been down. Twinning was game as they come, but was outboxed and outfought.
Jim McDonell, Stepney, 125½, outpointed Jim Roberts, 125½, bantam champion of Guyana, referee Gibbs scoring it a narrow 79-78½ after eight. Roberts, who had been a sparmate of Barry McGuigan, impressed against a man who is shortly to box for the European title, and who remains unbeaten.
Peter Eubanks, 137, Manchester-born and Brighton-based, took away the unbeaten record of Mo Hussein, West Ham, 136¾, referee Gibbs stopping it at 2:55 of round two in a scheduled eight with Hussein cut by the left eye. Eubanks is the only man to have beaten Barry McGuigan. (Peter was stopped in a return).
Gary Stretch, St. Helens, 148¼, kept his unbeaten certificate by outpointing Jim Kelly, Wishaw, 148¾, referee Nick White casting it 60-57½ after six. This indicated that Stretch hadn't lost a round. Kelly was down in round one but put up a great fight, more than the scoreline indicates.
Debutant Mickey Hughes, St. Pancras, 148¼, won every round in outpointing Steve Tempro, Leicester, 144, referee White's card showing 60-57 after six.
Down in round two, Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 206¼, rose to floor Denroy Bryan, Swindon, 202, three times in the following session, referee White intervening at 2:21 of the third in Garside's favor.
(10-01-85)
▶**LIVERPOOL—Stadium**—Horace Notice, Birmingham, 206, kayoed Noel Quarless, Liverpool, 215, in 2:37 of round seven in a scheduled 12 with a right and following left in a thrilling contest. This was a final eliminator for the British heavyweight title. Roland Dakin, referee.
Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 150, stopped Wayne Crolla, Manchester, 150, at 1:08 of round three in a scheduled six, referee Ron Hackett intervening with Crolla under pressure.
Neil Patterson, Darlington, 139¾, scored a narrow points win over Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 140, referee Hackett scoring it 59-58½ over six. It was Carroll's first contest in 18 months, and he was handicapped by a cut and swelling near the left eye.
Albert Parr, St. Helens, 119¼, drew with Ian Colbeck, 120, Leeds, six.
Anthony Brown, St. Helens, 125, outpointed Des Gargano, Manchester, 124, over six, referee Hackett casting it 59½-57.
(10-03-85)
▶**BRADFORD—St. Georges Hall**—John Doherty, Bradford, 125½, stopped Dave Pratt, Leicester, 129½, referee Keith Garner intervening at 0:35 of round six in a scheduled eight with Pratt under pressure.
Dennis Sullivan, Plymouth, 151, beat Charlie Watson, Bradford, 148, who was retired by his corner with cuts by both eyes at the end of round six in a scheduled eight. Watson looked in front and Sullivan had been down in round three from a right hand. When they met before, Watson won a six-rounder on points, and this was his first defeat. The eye injuries needed 16 stitches.
Richard Wagstaff, Leeds, 146, beat Bobby Welburn, Hull, 144, who retired at the end of round one in a scheduled six twos. Welburn was down twice.
Bobby McGowan, Leeds, 151, outpointed Michael Sullivan, Plymouth, 152, referee Hogg scoring it 59-58 after six twos.
Steve Garber, Bradford, 211, won every round in outpointing Dave Shelton, Leicester, 215, over four on referee Garner's card by 40-38.
(10-03-85)
▶**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Mark Walker, Warrington, 175, won a "rubber" match against Eddie Chatterton, Liverpool, 176, referee Ron Hackett scoring it 79-77½ after eight.
Billy Ahearns, Manchester, 152, outpointed Cliff Domville, Liverpool, referee Keith Gardner scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 150, outpointed Gerrard Treble, Runcorn, 147, referee Gardner's card showing 59½-58½ after six.
Sugar Gibiliru, Liverpool, 128, stopped Martin Power, 125, referee Hackett intervening at 1:16 of round four in a scheduled six with Power under pressure.
(10-07-85)
▶**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Tony Burke, Croydon, 159, won the Southern Area middleweight title by knocking out James Cook, Peckham, 160, in 0:42 of round two in a scheduled 10. A right to the head was the final punch.
Cliff Gilpin, Telford, 160, outpointed T.P. Jenkins, Brentford, 163, referee John Coyle scoring it 79½-77½ after eight.
Simon Eubanks, Brighton, 141, outpointed Raffaele Feliciello, Rhyl, 142, referee Coyle casting it 79½-77, also over eight.
Gary Flear, Birmingham, 138, looked good in outpointing Paul Cook, Bethnal Green, 138, referee Coyle's card showing 79½-77½ after eight twos.
Andrew Mayers, Aston, 138, outpointed George Jones, Telford, 140, by 59-58 after six. John Coyle, referee.

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(10-02-85)
▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 140½, made a great recovery after being decked twice to outpoint Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 140, referee Sid Nathan scoring it a narrow 78½-78 over eight.

Teddy Anderson, Wickford, 139, outpointed debutant Patrick Loftus, Peterborough, 131½, referee Dave Parris scoring it 59-57½.

Debutant Simon Collins, Merthyr, 156½, outpointed Tony Stevens, Hackney, 157¾, over six twos, referee Parris casting it 60-57, which indicated that Collins had won every round.

Dave Henderson, Peckham, 137¼, outpointed George Baigrie, Edinburgh, 135, referee Nathan casting it 59-58 after six twos.
(10-01-85)
▶**DULWICH—Baths**—Steve Elwood, Camberwell, 146¼, won every round in outpointing Geoff Pegler, Swansea, 150¾, referee Roland Dakin casting it 80-76 after eight. Elwood finished with both eyes cut.

Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, stopped Dana Young, Leytonstone, 150, at 1:20 of round two, referee Nick White intervening after Young had been down trice.

Richie Edwards, Walworth, 137, outpointed Norris Dennis, Luton, 140¾, over six twos, referee White scoring it a narrow 59-58½. A cracking fight, which produced £28 in nobbins from enthusiastic fans. Dennis looked unlucky not to get at least a share.

Julian Monville, Bethnal Green, 156, outpointed Theo Marious, Stepney, 156, referee White's card showing 59½-58½ after six twos.

Paul Kelly, Leeds, 150, gained a six-rounds points verdict over Courtney Phillips, Battersea, 149. Scoreline: 59½-58½.

Joe Donohue, Bermondsey, 131, didn't lose a round in outpointing Gary King, Edgware, 127¾, referee Dakin scoring it 60-57½ after six twos.
(10-07-85)
▶**GLASGOW—County Inn, Cambuslang**—Alex Dickson, Larkhall, 136, didn't lose a round in outpointing Alistair Laurie, Selkirk, 138¼, referee Billy Rafferty scoring it 60-58 after six. Laurie was cut by the right eye.

Doug Munro, Glasgow, 134¾, outscored Michael Marsden, Leeds, 137, referee Rafferty's card showing 59½-58 after six. Marsden was down twice and had a swelling by the right eye.

Tommy Cook, Larkhall, 141¼, stopped substitute Chris McCallum, Edinburgh, 140, referee Len Mullen intervening at 1:07 of round seven when McCallum was cut by the left eye.

Paul Downie, Glasgow, 131, beat Ted Mahaffey, Blackpool, 137, referee Mullen intervening in the fourth and final round with Mahaffey under pressure.

Debutant Rusty Torrante, Glasgow, 177, kayoed Tommy Houston, Blackpool, 179, in 1:26 of the opening round with a left to the jaw. Billy Rafferty, referee. (10-07-85)
(10-07-85)
▶**NOTTINGHAM—Victoria Hall**—Roy Smith, Nottingham, 181, scored his third win over Alex Romeo, Leicester, 188, with a points victory, referee Jim Pridding, scoring it 79½-78 after eight.

Ray Newby, Nottingham, 138, outpointed John Faulkner, Northampton, 137, referee John Keane calling it 79-77 after eight twos. Faulkner was down in round four.

Chubby Martin, Islington, 134½, coming in as a sub, stopped Stuart Shaw, Nottingham, 136, who retired with an injured hand at the end of round seven in a scheduled eight twos.

Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 159, outpointed Reuben Thurley, Leicester, 156½, referee Keane casting it 59½-58½ after six.

Debutant Nigel Senior, Nottingham, 127, stopped Mark Needham, Worksop, also 127, referee Pridding intervening at 1:04 of round four in a scheduled six twos after Needham had been floored three times.
(10-03-85)
▶**STOKE—Trentham Gardens**—Dave Adams, Kirkcaldy, 128, outpointed John Moloney, Barnet, 129½, over eight twos, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 78½-78. Many voiced their disapproval of the verdict.

Debutant Split Dwyer, Birmingham, 136, didn't lose a round with a points win over Paul Wetter, Newport, 138, referee Brian Arnott casting it 60-58 after six. Wetter was down in round four and had a swelling by the left eye.

Mitchell King, Leicester, outpointed Alex Cairney, Kirkintilloch, over six twos, referee Arnott scoring it 59½-58, in a featherweight bout.

Mike McKenzie, Perth, 147, didn't lose a round in outpointing Elvis Morton, Leicester, 148, referee Arnott's card showing 60-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Billy Buchanan, Edinburgh, 138, outscored John Faulkner, Northampton, 139, over six twos, referee Thomas casting it 59½-58.
(10-09-85)
▶**CARDIFF—Star Leisure Centre**—Dave Griffiths, Cardiff, 142, beat substitute Vernon Vanriel, Tottenham, 142, who was knocked cold in 0:30 of round four in a scheduled six. As Vanriel went down from a left to the jaw he struck his head on the canvas. Referee Adrian Morgan stopped the count so Vanriel could receive quick medical attention. He was all right after about half a minute. Vanriel had only a few hours' notice of this fight, and then had to make the journey from London to Stoke by car in foggy conditions.

Russell Jones, Gilfach Goch, 127½, stopped Chubby Martin, Cardiff, 130, referee Morgan intervening in round seven with Martin way behind. At the end of round six, Jones was declared a points winner, but the referee was informed that there were still two scheduled rounds to go.

Neil Munn, Penarth, 163½, overcame the handicap of an injured right hand to keep his unbeaten record by outpointing J.J. Smith, Tunbridge Wells, 163½, referee Morgan scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

Debutant Les Davies, Cymmer, 182, stopped Alan Price, Fishguard, 185, referee Morgan calling a halt in round two of a scheduled six twos after Price had been down.

Andy O'Rawe,Canvey, 141, beat debutant Stephen Davies, Trefor, 144, who was retired by his corner in round two after sustaining a cut by the left eye.
(10-14-85)
▶**LEICESTER—Holiday Inn**—Blaine Longsden, Manchester, 169, outpointed Dave Mowbray, Alfreton, 168, referee Frank Parkes (who officiated in every bout) calling it 79-77½ after eight twos.

Anthony Brown, Islington, 126, outpointed Nigel Senior, Nottingham, over six by 59½-57½.

Ernie Noble, Wakefield, 138, scored a six-rounds points win over Ian Murray, Manchester, by 59½-58½.

Sean O'Phoenix, Glossop, 162, beat Shaun West, Alfreton, 164, who retired at the end of round two in a scheduled six because he had difficulty in breathing properly.
(10-14-85)
▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Scottish lightweight champion Steve Boyle, Glasgow, 138, kayoed Stanley Jones, Llandovery, 137, in 2:21 of round one. Jones went out of the ring, recovering after treatment.

Robert Harkin, Renfrew, 146, stopped Jeff Decker, North Shields, 141, referee Danny McCafferty intervening at 1:11 of the sixth and final round with Decker under pressure.

Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 149, didn't lose a round in outpointing Mike McKenzie, Perth, 150, referee Rafferty casting it 60-58½.

Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 176, outscored Barry Ahmed, South Shields, 173, six.
(10-14-85)
▶**SHEFFIELD—City Hall**—Brian Anderson, Sheffield, 162, stopped Belgian Filip Seys, 161, referee Ron Hackett intervening at 1:09 of round three in a scheduled eight after Seys had been down twice.

Mohammed Lovelock, Manchester, 134¾, won the vacant Central Area lightweight title by knocking out Glyn Rhodes, Sheffield, 133¾, in the 10th and final round. It looked as if Rhodes was all set to rise as the count proceeded, but he was still down as referee Hackett tolled the fatal "10."

Inactive for 15 months, Mick Mills, Sheffield, 153, kayoed Dennis Sheehan, Nottingham, 156½, in 1:55 of the opening round. Brian Hogg, referee.

Paul Smith, Sheffield, 156, stopped Seb Solomon, Leicester, 154, referee Hogg calling a halt at 1:48 of round three in a scheduled six with Solomon under pressure.

Gary Maxwell, Rotherham, 127, outpointed Des Gargano, Manchester, 124½, referee Hogg scoring it 59-58 after six twos.

Robert Riley, Sheffield, 144, outpointed Dave Hall, Manchester, 140¾, referee Hogg's card showing 59½-57½ after six twos.
(10-13-85)
▶**PRESTON—Guildhall**—Graeme Ahmed, South Shields, 156, confirmed a previous win by beating Sammy Sampson, 153, the Central Area light middleweight champion, the bout being stopped at 2:45 in round four of a scheduled eight with Sampson under pressure. Ahmed was down in round two, but came back well.

Manny Romain, Edinburgh, 150, beat Karl Ince, Preston, 147¼, the bout being stopped at 1:42 of round one in a scheduled eight twos when Ince was cut by the left eye, which needed four stitches.

Joe Threlfall, Preston, 201, stopped Jimmy Ashworth, Burnley, 186½, the referee intervening at 2:25 of round three in a scheduled six with Ashworth under pressure.

Peter Crook, Adlington, 143, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 153, by 60-58½ over six twos.

Marvin P. Gray, Stanley, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Willie McDonald, Glasgow, by 60-57½ over six twos in a featherweight bout.

Seamus Touhy, Manchester, narrowly outpointed Dave Mannavy, Doncaster, by 39½-39 over four twos. Both were making their debuts.
(10-08-85)
▶**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—Jim Beckett, Woodham Ferrers, 143, didn't lose a round in outpointing Reg Locker, Bournemouth, 143, referee Tony Walker casting it 60-58 after six twos.

Debutant Glazz Campbell, Brockley, 177, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 178, referee Roy Francis scoring it 60-57½ over six twos.

Debutant Little Curry, Catford, 126, beat Mark Champney, Bournemouth, 127, who retired at the end of round two of a scheduled six twos with a cut by the right eye. He had also been

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2. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
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4. Horace Notice (Great Britain)
5. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
6. Dave Russell (Australia)
7. Mike Simwelu (Zambia)
8. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
7. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
10. John Westgarth (Great Britain)

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Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
2. Sam Reeson (Great Britain)
3. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
4. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
5. Asea Nama (Fiji)

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Champion
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2. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
3. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
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5. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
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9. Flash Chisango (Zimbabwe)
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FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Johnny Rubin (Uganda)
3. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
4. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
5. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
6. Charles Mandaya (Zimbabwe)
7. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
8. Obelle Anazor (Nigeria)
9. Modest Napunyi (Kenya)
10. Peter Harris (Great Britain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
4. Jeff Fenech (Australia)
5. John Farrell (Great Britain)
6. Billy Hardy (Great Britain)
7. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
8. Roy Webb (Great Britain)
9. Joe Orewa (Nigeria)
10. Ivor Jones (Great Britain)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
5. Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
6. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
7. Junior Thompson (Australia)
8. Dave McAuley (Great Britain)
9. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)
10. Gabriel Kuphey (Ghana)

down from a body blow. Curry was also down, when he tripped over referee Walker's foot.
(10-08-85)

▶**LONDON—Elephant & Castle Leisure Centre**—Tom Collins, Leeds, 177, former British light heavyweight champion, kayoed All-Ireland champion Harry Cowap. Balham, 173, in 1:17 of round four in a scheduled eight. A left hook did the trick, and Cowap received medical attention before leaving the ring. He was in the hospital overnight for observation, but was discharged the following morning. He hit his head on the canvas as he fell, and was also down in the opening round.

Sid Smith, Forest Hill, 151, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Franki Moro, Ghana, 150¼, referee Gibbs scoring it 79½-78 after eight.

Terry (brother of Sid) Smith, 136¼, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Les Remikie, Croydon, 136, referee Gibbs casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Jimmy Harrison, Wandsworth, 141¾, won every round in outpointing Teddy Anderson, Wickford, 140, referee Paddy Sower casting it 60-57 after six twos. Anderson was down twice in a rousing scrap which brought nobbins from the fans.

Mick Queally, Newry, 175¼, beat Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 172, referee Sower calling a halt in round five of a scheduled six with Fraser cut by the mouth and under pressure.

The fight between Tony Vaughan, Bradford, 137, and Brian Nickels, Kilburn, lasted just 11 seconds. Vaughan went down from a left and following right, got up looking unsteady, and referee Sower intervened.
(10-14-85)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Rocky Lawlor, 120, confirmed a previous win by beating Kevin Downer, Shoreditch, 116, referee Paul Thomas intervening at 1:49 of round one in a scheduled six when Downer was cut by the left eye. When they met before, Lawlor won on points.

Renard Ashton, Luton, 126, didn't lose a round in outpointing John Devine, Camden Town, 125, referee Thomas casting it 60-58 after six twos.

In a battle of debutants, Stewart Fisherman, Luton, 117, narrowly outpointed Simon Turner, Birmingham, also 117, referee Bryan Arnott's card showing 59½-59 after six twos.

John Williams, Birmingham, 176, outpointed Alex Romeo, Leicester, 178, referee Arnott casting it 60-58 over six twos, indicating that Williams hadn't lost a round.

Simon Collins, Merthyr, 156, won every round in outpointing Malcolm Davies, Shrewsbury, 153, referee Arnott scoring 60-57 after six twos.
(10-14-85)

▶**MERTON—Civic Hall**—Mike Durvan, Penge, 135, kayoed Steve Griffiths, Finchley, 134¾, in 1:22 of round nine to win the vacant Southern Area lightweight title. Griffiths had been down twice in round eight. A right to the body did the trick. Durvan afterwards stated that he was dedicating his belt to the memory of his young brother Noel, who died recently. Referee was Larry O'Connell.

Karl Barwise, Tooting, 161½, narrowly outpointed Alan Baptiste, Luton, 163, referee O'Connell scoring it 79-78½ after eight twos. When they met before, the result was a draw, and there wasn't much in it this time, either.

Tony Tricker, Norbury, 218, didn't lose a round in outpointing Jess Harding, Birmingham, 221½, referee Reg Thompson scoring it 60-58½ after six twos. Harding was down briefly in round five.

Chas. Dackombe, Streatham, 149¾, drew with Charlie Carman, 151, Norwich, over six twos on referee Thompson's card. Carman was floored in round five.

Paul Dawson, Totting, 137¼, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Eamonn Payne, Norwich, 139, referee Thompson casting it 60-57½ after six twos, indicating Dawson hadn't lost a round.

Claude Rossi, Derby, 148, outpointed debutant Rory Callaghan, Kentish Town, 152¼, referee Thompson calling it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Gary Tomlinson, Alfreton, 166, outpointed another debutant, Graham Jenner, Hastings, 164½, also over six twos, and also by the same score.
(10-10-85)

▶**ALFRETON—Leisure Centre**—Billy Hardy, Sunderland, 116½, beat former Commonwealth flyweight champion Keith Wallace, Liverpool, referee John Coyle intervening at 1:43 of round seven after Wallace had been down three times. Hardy was floored in round three, the count continuing after the bell, but he made a great recovery, and his body punches proved the deciding factor. This was a final eliminator for the British bantamweight title.

Debutant Pat Clinton, 115, twice British amateur flyweight champion, won every round in outpointing Gordon Stobie, Darlington, 114, referee Frank Parkes scoring it 60-57 after six. Pat looks one to watch.

Paul Timmons, Alfreton, 132¼, outpointed fellow debutant Tony Richards, Nottingham, 132, referee Parkes casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 154, outpointed Dave Cox, Northampton, also 154, six. Trial list referee Jarvis Greenidge officiated inside the ring, and John Coyle scored it 59-58 from outside.

Lee Woolis, Alfreton, 157, narrowly outpointed Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 159½, referee Parkes casting it 78½-78 over eight twos.
(10-10-85)

▶**NEWPORT—Leisure Centre**—The Junior lightweight division has been introduced into British boxing, and Steve Sims, 129¾, Newport, became the first Welsh Area champion at that weight by outpointing Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 127¼, referee Ivor Bassett scoring it 99½-96½ after 10.

A cracking fight. Cleak was cut by the right eye in round three, but kept going in commendable fashion, and had a fine seventh round—only for Sims to come back and hold his lead until the end.

Sims is a former British featherweight champion, and this was his first contest in nearly a year. He had a pain killing injection in his right hand before the fight.

Chris Jacobs, Llanelli, 213½, won the vacant Welsh heavyweight title in only his fourth pro fight by outpointing Andrew Gerrard, Risca, 219½, referee Bassett casting it 99-97 after 10 uneventful rounds.

Tony Borg, Cardiff, 133½, narrowly outscored Michael Marsden, Halifax, 136¼, referee Roddy Evans' card showing 59-58½ after six.
(09-25-85)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Mike Farghaly, Manchester, 175, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Geoff Rymer, Hull, 176½, referee Harry Warner scoring it 79-78 after eight.

Vince Vahey, Sheffield, 144, also had a narrow win, outpointing Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 147, by 59-58½ after six twos on referee Keith Gardner's card. It was Vahey's first bout in over 18 months.

Ronnie Tucker, Sheffield, 163, beat David Scere, Manchester, 162, referee Gardner stopping it at 1:59 of round three in a scheduled six twos when Scere was cut by the right eye. A good scrap while it lasted; Tucker looked ahead.

Mark Broome, Sheffield, 137¾, outpointed David Hall, Manchester, by 50-48½ over four twos.
(09-30-85)

▶**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Terry Magee, Ammanford, 153, outpointed Franki (no 'e') Moro, Liverpool, 153, over 10, referee Frank Parkes scoring it 98½-97½, with Moro on top during the early rounds and Magee putting in a strong second half.

Debutant Wally Reynolds, Birmingham, 144, impressed in beating John Conlan, Liverpool, also 144, who was retired at the end of round three in a scheduled six twos. He had been down, and had a swelling by the right eye. Wally is the son of former British welter champion Wally Swift, who also manages him.

Steve James, Merthyr, 126, didn't lose a round in outpointing debutant Gary Maxwell, Sheffield, 127, scoreline 60-57½ after six twos.

Keith Parry, Swansea, stopped Brian Waring, Liverpool, 135, the referee intervening at 1:21 of the opening round in a scheduled six twos with Parry under pressure.

Ray Newby, Nottingham, beat Billy Laidman, Durham, 134, the bout being stopped at 1:16 of round two of a scheduled six twos with Laidman under pressure.

Referee Frank Parkes officiated throughout.
(09-25-85)

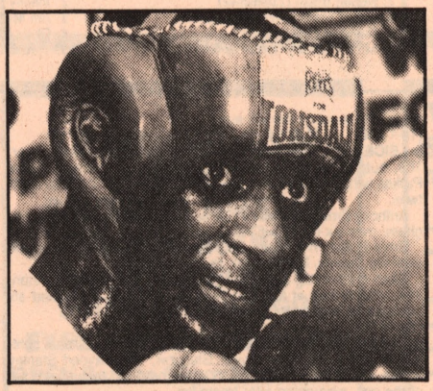
▶**EVESHAM—Marine Ballroom**—Kid Marlow, Birmingham, 147, kayoed Paul Boyce, Wednesbury, 140, in round three of a scheduled eight with a left and following right.

Debutant John Dicken, Wednesbury, 139, outpointed Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 136, referee Jim Pridding scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

Tony Meszaros, Birmingham, 162, beat Johnny Elliot, Telford, 155, referee Pridding calling a halt in round five of a scheduled six when Elliot sustained an eye injury.

Darren Bowen, West Bromwich, 145, beat Paul Worthington, Crewe, 142, who was disqualified at 1:30 of the opening round for pushing his opponent out of the ring. Bowen was injured in the process and could not continue, leaving referee Pridding with no alternative. When they met before, Worthington won on points.

Patrick Loftus, Peterborough, 130, narrowly outpointed Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 126, referee Pridding casting it 59½-59 after six.
(10-09-85)



British middleweight champion Herol (Bomber) Graham stopped Roberto Ruiz on a cut-eye TKO in the second round of their scheduled 10-rounder in London.

▶**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—British middleweight champion Herol Graham stopped Argentinian Roberto Ruiz, referee Roland Dakin intervening at 1:33 of round two in a scheduled 10. After an accidental head clash, Ruiz claimed he had been butted, as he was cut by the left eye—an injury that was too serious for him to continue. Up to that stage, Graham had been well on top, proving too fast and showing too much skill for the Argentinian. No weights were announced.

Horace Notice, Birmingham, 204½, made it eight in a row by outpointing Frenchman Anaclet Wamba, 198¼, referee Roy Francis scoring it 79½-77½ after eight.

British flyweight champion Duke McKenzie, 114¼, made it eight successive wins by outpointing Venezuelan Orlando Maestro, 112, referee Francis casting it 79-78 after eight.

Commonwealth light middleweight champion Nick Wilshire, 156¾, stopped American Tyler Dupree, 160, who came in as a substitute, referee Dakin calling a halt at 2:22 of round six in a scheduled eight with Dupree under pressure.

Debutant Chris Blake, Croydon, 143½, outpointed Gary Champion, 142¾, referee Richie Davies scoring it 59½-58 after six. Appreciative fans threw in nobbins. Both bled from the nose, and both had eye injuries. It was that kind of a fight.

Mickey Hughes, St. Pancras, 149¼, beat Manny Romain, Aberdeen, 149, referee Davies intervening at 2:36 of round two in a scheduled six after Romain had been down briefly. The loser protested that he was able to continue.
(10-16-85)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—Gary Flear, Birmingham, 138, outpointed Dave Henderson, also 138, Peckham, referee John Coyle scoring it 80-77, indicating that Flear had won every one of the eight rounds.

Kid Marlow, Birmingham, 148, outpointed Mick Lerwill, Telford, also 148, referee Coyle's card showing 59½-57½ after six twos.

Debutant Gary Summerville, Birmingham, 139, outpointed Norris Dennis, Luton, 138, over six twos, referee John Kean casting it 59½-58½.

George Jones, Telford, 130, gained a points win over Gary King, Luton, 128, referee Keane awarding him the decision after six twos.
(10-15-85)

▶**LEEDS—Leeds University**—Mark Davey, Leeds, 147, beat Steve Tempro, Leicester, also 147, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 1:07 of round five in a scheduled eight twos when Tempro was cut by the left eye.

Phil Duckworth, Leeds, 147, stopped Peter Phillips, Dinnington, also 147, referee Mickey Vann calling a halt at 2:33 of the eighth and final two-minute round after Phillips had been down from a left hook.

Dean Marsden, Leeds, 137, halted Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 138, the bout being stopped at 0:48 of round five in a scheduled six twos.

Cyril Jackson, Wrexham, 168, outpointed debutant John Hadley, Castleford, 175, referee Hogg casting it 59½-58 after six twos.
(10-15-85)

▶**LEICESTER—DeMontfort Hall**—Willie Wright, Birmingham, 159½, retained his Midlands Area middleweight title by beating Mark Watts, Leicester, 158½, referee Frank Parkes calling a halt at 0:44 of round four in a scheduled 10 when Watts was cut by the left eye. Wright looked ahead at the time.

Mick Markie, Kettering, 122¾, beat Mitchell King, Leicester, referee Paul Thomas intervening at 0:31 of the sixth and final round when King was cut by the left eye.

Split Dwyer, Birmingham, 140, outpointed Warren Slaney, Leicester, 138, referee Parkes scoring it 59-57½ after six twos. Slaney had a swelling by the left eye.

Peter Till, Bloxham, 134¾, outpointed Patrick Loftus, 130, Peterborough, over six, referee Thomas casting it 59½-58. Loftus was handicapped by a nose-bleed.

After a period of inactivity, Floyd Davidson, Burton on Trent, beat Reuben Thurley, Leicester, 157½, referee Thomas intervening at 1:06 of round five in a scheduled six when Thurley had been down twice and was cut by the left eye.

Dave Shelton, Leicester, 215, stopped Mick Cawdon, Doncaster, 195, referee Thomas calling a halt at the end of the opening round in a scheduled six when Cawdon was cut by the right eye.

Debutant Tony Heath, Leicester, narrowly outpointed Chris Clarkson, Hull, 115, referee Thomas scoring it 39½-39 after four.
(10-17-85)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Kevin Taylor, Rochdale, 127, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Dean Bramhald, 130, over six, referee Mickey Vann casting it 59½-58½.

Dave Mallaby, Doncaster, 114, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Seamus Tuohy, Manchester, 116, referee Keith Garner's card showing a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Peter Crook, Chorley, 140, outpointed Gary Lucas, 137, Liverpool, referee Vann casting it 59-58 after six.

Tony Smith, Liverpool, 152, outpointed Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 153, referee Garner scoring it 59½-58½, after six.
(10-21-85)

▶**NOTTINGHAM—Albany Hotel**—Sean O'Phoenix, Dublin, 163, outpointed Alan Baptiste, Luton, 164½, over eight twos, referee Jim Pridding scoring it 79-78½.

Nigel Senior, Nottingham, 128, drew with Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, also 128, over six twos. Jim Pridding, referee.

Claude Rossi, Derby, 150, stopped Elvis Morton, Leicester, also 150, referee Pridding intervening at 1:55 of round one in a scheduled six twos after Morton had been down.

Debutant Jason Baxter, 160, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Mowbray, Alfreton, 162½, over six twos, referee Pridding casting it 60-58.
(10-21-85)

▶**GLASGOW—Whitbread Sporting Club**—Dave Douglas, Larkhall, 150, drew with Paul Kelly, Doncaster, 150, over eight twos. Both boxers were warned by referee Len Mullen for infringements on several occasions.

Danny Lee, Greenock, 119¼, kayoed Gypsy Johnny, Rhyl, 119, at 1:18 of round three in a scheduled eight twos with a left to the body. Billy Rafferty, referee.

Paul Downie, Glasgow, 130¼, didn't lose a round in outpointing Mark Pearce, Newport, 132¼, referee Mullen casting it 80-78½ after eight twos. Downie was cut on the head.

Debutant John Bennie, Hurlford, 128½, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Stuart Carmichael, Hull, 125½, referee Mullen's card showing 60-57½ after six.
(10-21-85)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—John Feeney, Hartlepool, former British bantam champion, 130¾, stopped Mark Reafer, Bethnal Green, 130, referee Roland Dakin intervening at 2:34 of round three in a scheduled eight with Reafer under pressure.

Andrew Mayers, Birmingham, 139¼, beat Peter Bradley, Glas-

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gow, 135¾, who retired at the end of round six in a scheduled eight twos with an injured right hand. Jack Snipe, referee.

Debutant Errol McDonald, Nottingham, 147¼, kayoed Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 149, in 1:58 of round one in a scheduled six with a left hook. Jack Snipe, referee.

Billy Cassidy, Smithfield, 176½, outpointed Alex Romeo, Leicester, 178, referee Dakin casting it 59½-58 after six twos. Cassidy recovered after being decked in round three.
(10-21-85)

▶**WEMBLY—Arena**—Mark Kaylor, 160, West Ham, won the final eliminator for the British middleweight title by knocking out Errol Christie, 158½, Coventry, referee Harry Gibbs counting out Christie at 2:35 of round eight in a scheduled 12-rounder.

This was the culmination of a meeting full of pre-fight controversy, ever since a press conference the previous month. When the boxers were outside the hotel where the conference was held, there was a scuffle between them. Blows were exchanged, and there was a short wrestling match which naturally received a lot of publicity.

Both were accused of bringing the game into disrepute, and there were those, including the police, who advised that it would be better if this fight did not take place, or, at least, not until after a cooling-off period.

Main reason given for this suggestion was that in view of recent minorities of hooligan element at some promotions, it was feared that possibly the rival bands of supporters might cause a similar situation.

Recommendations were accordingly made to the British Boxing Board of Control. Meanwhile, promoter Mike Barrett arranged an official get-together of all involved parties, during which Kaylor and Christie shook hands and posed for photographers.

Promoter Barrett said he would provide plenty of security measures to ensure there would be no trouble, and after due consideration the Board of Control announced that the contest would go ahead as scheduled. As things turned out, there was no trouble, and it was one of the best fights seen for some time, both boxers acquitting themselves manfully, and with congratulations, commiserations and handshakes all round by the boxers and their cornermen after it was all over.

Britain gained its third European title in 11 days (other winners Terry Marsh and Charlie Magri) when Jim McDonnell, 125, Stepney, won the vacant featherweight title (given up by Barry McGuigan). He kayoed Spaniard Jose Luis Vicho in 2:30 of round four of a scheduled 12. It was McDonnell's 16th win in a row, and, with Kaylor's victory, a double for the Terry Lawless stable. A left hook to the body did the trick, with McDonnell completely on top throughout.

Errol McDonald, 148¼, Nottingham, beat Robert Armstrong, 150, Doncaster, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 0:45 of round four in a scheduled six. A fight of fluctuating fortunes. McDonald was down in rounds one and three, and Armstrong hit the canvas in rounds two (twice) and three (twice). McDonald was warned for alleged low blows in round two, Armstrong was cut by the right eye, and the latter protested at the stoppage.

Gary Mason, 240, Wandsworth, stopped Steve Gee, 220¼, Birmingham, referee Dave Parris intervening at 1:38 of round five in a scheduled six with Gee cut by the left eye.

Michael Watson, 162½, Islington, beat Martin McEwan, 164¼, Birmingham, referee Parris calling a halt at 1:31 of the sixth and final round after McEwan had been floored.

Steve Johnson, 163½, Liverpool, outpointed T.P. Jenkins, 164¾, Brentford, over eight, referee Jacobs scoring it 79-77½.
(11-05-85)

▶**LONDON—London West Hotel, Fulham**—Steve Watt, 147, Glasgow, won the Scottish welterweight title by stopping champion Tommy McCullum, Edinburgh, referee Len Mullen intervening at 2:50 of round five in a scheduled 10 after McCullum had been down four times.

Former European light middleweight champion Jimmy Cable, 158, Orpington, made a successful debut in the middleweight division by stopping Steve Davies, 155¼, Porthcawl, referee Roland Dakin calling a halt at 2:38 of round three in a scheduled 10 after Davies had been down twice. This confirmed a previous win.

Dave Owens, 175½, Castleford, narrowly outpointed Aneurin Williams, 176, Gilwin, referee Dakin scoring it 79-78½ after eight. Owens was down briefly, each time without a count being started, but for the most part an uneventful contest.

Graeme Ahmed, 157½, Ware, beat Dennis O'Brien, 156½, who was retired by his corner at the end of round four in a scheduled eight with an injured left eye. Ahmed looked clearly ahead.

Lou Gent, 175½, Streatham, narrowly outpointed Winston Burnett, 177½, Reading, referee Thompson intervening at 0:58 of round three in a scheduled eight twos after Davis had been decked twice. Davis was previously unbeaten.
(10-25-85)

▶**HULL—Westfield Country Club, Cottingham**—Mick Mills, 153, Sheffield, stopped Seamus Casey, 153½, Alfreston. Harry Warner, who refereed all contests, intervened at 1:33 of round three in a scheduled eight after Casey had been down from a left hook.

Substitute Tony Brown, 148, the Central Area welter champ, outpointed Billy Ahearne, 150, Manchester, by 60-59, not losing a round in a scheduled six.

Lee Hartshorn, 150, Manchester, outpointed Cliff Domville, 152, Liverpool, by 59-57 over six.

Phil Duckworth, 145, Leeds, beat Terry Culshaw, 147, Liverpool, who retired with an injured jaw at the end of round five in a scheduled six.
(10-22-85)

▶**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Alan Baptiste, 163, Luton, outpointed Gary Tomlinson, also 163, Alfreton, over eight twos, referee Johnny Coyle, who officiated throughout, scoring it 79½-77½.

Also over eight twos, Junaido Musha, 142, Liverpool, outpointed George Jones, 137, Telford, by 79-77.

Noel Magee, 173, Stoke, stopped Eddie Chatterton, 172, Manchester, a halt being called after 1:37 of the opening round of a scheduled six twos after Chatterton had been down.

Gary King, 129, Burnt Oak, didn't lose a round outpointing Joey Dee, 129, by 60-57.

Debutant David Beech, 118, Stoke, beat Terry Allen, 119, Hartlepool, the intervention coming at 1:26 of round four in a scheduled six twos, after Allen had been down.
(10-28-85)

Keith Bristol kayoed Alex Penarski in a final eliminator for the British light heavyweight title.

▶**LONDON—Latchmere Leisure Centre**—The first champion of the newly-recognized British cruiserweight title (190 limit) is Sammy Reeson, 188½, Battersea, who didn't lose a round outpointing former Commonwealth cruiserweight champion Stewart Lithgo, 187, Hartlepool, referee Roland Dakin casting it 120-114½ after 12 rounds. Reeson thus remains unbeaten.

It was a hard contest, and Lithgo did much better than the scoreline suggests. He was cut by the left eye in round five, and Reeson cut by the right eye in round nine, requiring six stitches. Lithgo was game enough, but Reeson was the more accurate.

In a final eliminator for the British light heavyweight title, Keith Bristol, 174¼, Clapham, kayoed Alex Penarski, 175, Alfreton, in 2:35 of round three in a scheduled 12. It was Penarski's first fight in nearly 12 months. He came in four pounds over the limit at the weigh-in, but managed to get off the surplus within the regulation hour.

Steve Elwood, 146¼, Camberwell, didn't lose a round outpointing Lennie Gloster, 147½, Peterborough, referee Tony Walker scoring it 80-77½ in a scheduled eight twos.

Joe Threlfall, 196½, Preston, kayoed Mike Fawcett, 205, in 1:35 of round two in a scheduled six twos with a right hand. Tony Walker, referee.

Tee Jay, 194, Paddington, outpointed Gypsy Carman, 198, referee Walker casting it 59½-58 after six twos.
(10-31-85)

▶**MANCHESTER—Free Trade Hall**—Najib Daho, 129, Manchester, won the Central Area junior lightweight title by outpointing Kevin Pritchard, 126¾, Liverpool, referee John Coyle scoring it 98-97 after 10.

Jimmy Price, 166, Liverpool, stopped Eddie Smith, 164, Manchester, referee Coyle intervening at 1:51 of round five in a scheduled eight with Smith under pressure.

Mike Whalley, 127, Manchester, drew with Marvin P. Gray, 130, Durham, who came in as a substitute. Ron Hackett, referee. Whalley is the Central Area featherweight champion.

Former Jonjo Greene, Manchester, beat Geoff Rymer, Hull, referee Hackett calling a halt at 2:18 of the eighth and final round with Rymer under pressure. No weights were announced.

Dean Marsden, 137, Leeds, stopped Central lightweight champion Muhammad Lovelock, 136, Manchester, referee Hackett intervening at 0:39 of round six with Lovelock in trouble. Marsden was down in round four.
(10-31-85)

▶**BASILDON—Festival Hall**—Gary Nickels, 127, Paddington, stopped Steve James, 126¼, Troedyrhiw, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 2:33 of the opening round in a scheduled eight after James had been down three times.

Lennie Howard, 179, outpointed Glazz Campbell, 180½, referee Paddy Sower scoring it a narrow 79-78½ after eight twos.

Micky Hull, 137, Chelmsford, won every round in outpointing Nicky Day, 136, Southampton, referee Jacobs' card showing 80-76 after eight twos.

In a battle of debutants, John Davie, Chingford, 146, outpointed Anthony Smith, 140, Crewe, winning every round on referee Sower's card with a score of 60-57 after six twos.

Another debutant, Andy Cox, 141¼, Woodham Ferrers, stopped Paul Worthington, 140, Crewe, referee Sower intervening at 1:39 of round two in a scheduled six twos with Worthington under pressure.

Yet another making his first professional appearance was Dean Barclay, 147¼, London, who stopped Nick Harty, 146½, Southend, referee Sower intervening at 1:15 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Harty had been down.

Nick Ellaway, 154, Rochford, stopped Alex McCullen, 159, Scotland, referee Jacobs calling a halt at 0:59 of round two in a scheduled four twos. McCullen, making his debut, was down twice.
(10-30-85)

▶**ELTHAM—Yorkshire Grey**—Johnny Williamson, 150, New Cross, outpointed Billy Edwards, also 150, Hoxton, referee Roy Francis scoring it 79-78 after eight twos. Williamson was cut by the left eye.

Ritchie Edwards, 135¼, kayoed Joey Dee, 135, Alfreton, at the end of round three. Dee was up at six, but referee Francis continued the count.
(11-04-85)

▶**MOTHERWELL—Civic Centre**—Ian Chantler, 147, St. Helens, outpointed Jim Kelly, 146¾, Wishaw, referee Len Mullen scoring it 79-78 after eight rounds. An excellent contest, much appreciated by the fans.

Danny Quigg, 157, Paisley, outpointed Gary Tomlinson, 162, Alfreton, referee Mullen casting it 59½-58 after six.

Alistair Laurie, Selkirk, 143½, stopped Tommy Cooke, 142, Larkhall, who retired with an eye injury at the end of round three in a scheduled eight twos. Len Mullen, referee.

Drew Black, 137, Coatbridge, stopped Joey Morris, 136, Manchester, referee Danny McCafferty intervening at 1:58 of round four in a scheduled six twos with Norris under pressure.

Andy Galloway, 141½, drew with Steve Kiernan, 142¾, six. Danny McCafferty, referee.
(11-04-85)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Anthony Brown, 127½, Liverpool, outpointed Les Walsh, 128, Manchester, referee Brian Hogg casting it 79-78½ after eight. Brown was floored in round one, Walsh without a count in round two, and Walsh again in round five.

Mark Walker, 176, Leigh, avenged a previous defeat by narrowly outpointing Chris Little, 177, Manchester, referee Ron Hackett scoring it 59-58½ after six.

In another close one, debutant Malcolm Kaye, 163, outpointed David Seere, also 163, Manchester, referee Hogg casting it 59-58½ after six.

Tony Brown, 151, Liverpool, beat Phil Duckworth, 147, Leeds, who retired at the end of round five in a scheduled six with a cut near the left eye. Ron Hackett, referee.
(11-04-85)

▶**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Claude Rossi, 150, Derby, beat Cliff Domville, also 150, Liverpool, who was disqualified at 1:50 of round two in a scheduled eight by referee Harry Warner for alleged low punching. He had been frequently warned. Rossi was down twice briefly in the opening round, both times from body punches.

Mark Walker, 175¾, Leight, drew with Alan Torrance, 176, six. Keith Garner, referee.

Sugar Gibiliru, 128, Liverpool, stopped Nigel Senior, 126, Nottingham, referee Garner intervening at 1:35 of round five in a scheduled six. Senior was down four times.

Carl Gaynor, 128, Manchester, outpointed debutant Robert Newbiggen, 127½, referee Warner scoring it 59½-58½ after six.
(11-11-85)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Brian Holmes, 121½, Glasgow, outpointed Adrian Staples, 122, Pontypool, referee Arnold Bryson scoring it 79-78 after eight. Staples was cut by the right eye in round three.

Pat Clinton, 116¾, Croy, didn't lose a round in outpointing Tony Rahman, 117¾, referee Bryson's card showing 60-58 after six.

Gary Jacobs, 140¾, Glasgow, made it five in a row by knocking out Tyrell Wilson, 143½, Cardiff, in 1:08 of round five in a scheduled six. Referee, Len Mullen.

Danny Nelson, 145, Renfrew, made a successful debut by stopping Bobby Welburn, also 145, Hull, referee Mullen intervening at 1:14 of round four when Welburn was cut by the left eye. He had been down at the end of round three.
(11-11-85)

▶**LONDON—Tottenham Town Hall**—John Moody, 173¾, Rayleigh, stopped Blaine Longsden, 175, Manchester, referee Harry Gibbs calling a halt at 2:52 of the opening round in a scheduled eight after Longsden had been floored six times.

Paul Cook, 139¾, Dagenham, outpointed Abdul Kareem, Tottenham, 137, referee Gibbs casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Trevor Smith, 145, Harlow, outpointed Michael Justin, 149, Birmingham, referee Tony Walker scoring it 59-58 after six twos.

Nicky Day, 136, Southampton, outpointed Con Cronin, 142½, Watford, referee Walker casting it 59½-57½ after six twos.

Julian Monville, 156, Hackney, outpointed Tony Smith, 157½, Tottenham, referee Walker's card showing 59-58 after six twos.
(11-07-85)

▶**NANTWICH—Civic Hall**—Noel Magee, 173, Belfast, easily outpointed Winston Burnett, also 178, Cardiff, referee Mickey Vann casting it 79½-77½ after eight.

Billy Ahearne, 154, Manchester, outpointed Steve Ward, 155, Nottingham, referee Keith Garner's verdict being 59½-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Tony McLaggon, 132, Cardiff, beat David Hall, 135, Manchester, who retired at the end of the opening round in a scheduled six with a cut by the left eye caused by an accidental clash of heads.

Cyril Jackson, 165½, Mold, stopped Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 164, referee Garner intervening in round four of a scheduled six twos after Saunders had been down twice. A rousing scrap, which brought £26 in nobbins.
(11-06-85)

▶**EVESHAM—Marina Ballroom**—Gary Flear, Birmingham, 135, outpointed George Jones, 136, Telford, referee Paul Thomas scoring it a narrow 78½-78 after eight twos. It was Flear's third win over Jones.

Paul Wetter, 138, Newport, was another narrow winner, outpointing Warren Slaney, 138, Leicester, by 59-58½ over six twos.

Paul Gamble, 164, Norwich, outpointed Mickey Kidd, 164, Nuneaton, also over six twos, by a narrow 58½-58.

Darren Bowen, 144, West Bromwich, stopped Charlie Carman, 146, Norwich, the intervention coming in round five of a scheduled six twos after Carman had been down five times.

Debutant Geoff Calder, 141½, outpointed Wayne Goult, 142, Norwich, by 59-58½ over six twos.

Paul Thomas refereed every contest.

JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION

(As of November 19, 1985)

WBC Super Flyweight Champion: Jiro Watanabe
OPBF Lightweight Champion: Tsuyoshi Hamada

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Shinji Tojo
1. Keitoku Senrima
2. Mugen Kawasaka
3. Hiroshi Izumiya

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos Elliott
1. Tricky Kawaguchi
2. Mitsuo Hatano
3. Hideo Kawamoto
4. Tadashi Maruo
5. Kenji Chinen

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Fujio Ozaki
1. Nobuyuki Tabata
2. Junya Kushikino
3. Eiji Kimura
4. Ryo Asuka
5. Masaharu Owada
6. Nobutaka Kuwata
7. Akinori Yoshida
8. No Listing

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Masahiro Tanabu
1. Eiji Kikuzaki
2. Akinobu Hiranaka
3. Katsunori Hokama
4. Hikaru Tomonari
5. Takeshi Ishido
6. Ryutaro Otsuki
7. Tatsuzo Niyama
8. Minoru Kujo
9. Kazumi Yokoi
10. No Listing

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Cheyenne Yamamoto
1. Young Hideo
2. Hiroyuki Yazu
3. Junichi Misawa
4. Hiroaki Motohashi
5. Shark Ishihara
6. Makoto Ito
7. Akira Tomonari
8. Moriyoshi Miyagi

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Masayoshi Fujimoto
2. Eiji Okita
3. Kenbun Tanaka
4. Donny Yamashita
5. Yoshimitsu Azato
6. Koki Higashi
7. Koji Shimoji
8. Tiger Michigami
9. Naoyuki Iramine
10. Riki Kazushi

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Kuruma
1. Mitsuru Sugiya
2. Yoshinari Tanaka
3. Tatsunari Hisashiro
4. Keiji Kawamura
5. Roberto Arredondo
6. Masahiro Takagi
7. Rusher Kawaguchi
8. Masayoshi Matsuura

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Takuya Muguruma
1. Osamu Kazuo
2. Mark Horikoshi
3. Toshi Okuma
4. Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi
5. Kaoru Yoshioka
6. Satoshi Koguchi
7. Michio Kawakami
8. Takashi Komori
9. Eiji Oyama
10. Yukishiro Kimura

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Mitsuo Imazato
1. Tadashi Shimabukuro
2. Koji Kobayashi
3. Norio Hasegawa
4. Hiroshi Yamamoto
5. Masakatsu Sakuma
6. Kazuto Kurahashi
7. Hideki Kanai
8. Shotgun Suzuki
9. Takashi Yokozeki
10. Breaker Taguchi

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Maruo
1. Kazuo Katsuma
2. Yoshiyuki Uchida
3. Shunichi Nakajima
4. Kazuyoshi Akira
5. Koichi Sugimoto
6. Mitsuru Arasaki
7. Kentoku Nakama
8. Yoshio Mitsuboshi
9. Hiroaki Kato
10. Mutsuo Watanabe

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Shuichi Hozumi
1. Koji Nishikawa
2. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi
3. Masato Tanaka
4. Kenji Yokozawa
5. Masayuki Takahashi
6. Kenji Matsumura
7. Yoshikazu Kurashita
8. Yukinari Oshiro
9. Shinichi Sugita
10. Miguel Nagashima

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tomohiro Kiuna
WR. Sendai Montiel
WR. German Torres
1. Yoshiaki Nojima
2. Kenji Ono
3. Kazuyoshi Funaki
4. Seiji Tomari
5. Jun Hoki
6. Hideyuki Ohashi
7. Masaru Yoshimoto
8. Rikuo Watanabe
9. Masato Kudo
10. Leopard Tamakuma

(11-06-85)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Roy Smith, Nottingham, kept his unbeaten record by stopping John Williams, 182, Birmingham, referee Jim Pridding intervening in round two of a scheduled eight twos after Williams had been floored by a right to the head.

Mick Markie, Kettering, didn't lose a round in outpointing Peter Bowen, 126, Wednesbury, referee Brian Arnott scoring it 60-59 after six twos.

Tony Richards, 133, Nottingham, outpointed John Dicken, 138, referee Arnott casting it a close 59½-59 after six twos.

Wally Reynolds, 149, Birmingham, beat Steve Craggs, 147, Bedworth, who retired at the end of round four in a scheduled six twos with an injured hand.

Debutant Shane Porter, 127½, Kettering, outpointed Mark Hinds, 129, Nottingham, referee Pridding scoring it 59½-58 after six. Hinds was down in the opening round.
(11-11-85)

RON OLVER

ORIENT

JAPAN

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Isaiah Ikhoni, the WBA's third ranked junior lightweight at 132½, proved too crafty and fast for Koki Higashi, a shorter infighter at 130¾, flattening him with a solid overhand right in 2:45 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Ikhoni's Japanese title wasn't at stake. The Kenyan import outboxed and outsped him and took all the rounds before the knockout. Isaiah, 26, is now 14-2 with 10 kayoes. Higashi, from Kyushu, fell to 9-9 with one kayo. Takeshi Shimakawa refereed.

Kenyu (Toshiyuki) Tanaka, ex-Japanese featherweight champ at 130, made a fine comeback by stopping Masachiyo Matsuura, 128½, at 3:01 of the eighth round in the semi-final 10. Tanaka, a taller boxer, hit the deck from a well-timed right in the first round. But he fought back hard, dropping Matsuura twice in the seventh and twice in the eighth. Tanaka, who lost his title to Eijiro Kuruma in January, 1983, is now 15-3-2 with four knockouts. Matsuura, a busy boxer-puncher, fell to 9-6-1 with four kayoes. Hiroyuki Tezaki refereed.

In the first 10, Takeshi Ishido, the JBC's top junior welterweight contender at 141¼, overwhelmed less experienced puncher Eiji Kikuzaki, 140¾, with his Rocky Garziano style, but was knocked out by the prospect in 3:04 of the seventh round.

The slow starting Eiji, 20, is now 11-0-1 with nine kayoes. Ishido, 27, is 13-11 with nine knockouts. An interesting come-from-behind knockout. Kodai Kumazaki refereed.

Four four-round contests rounded out the card.

Yonekura Promotions. Telecast by TV Asahi.

Attendance—2050 (estimated).

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese lightweight champ Cheyenne Yamamoto, 135, barely kept his crown with a lucky TKO win over Junichi Misawa, also 135, at 0:30 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Scoring before the stoppage: referee Ken Morita and judge Takeaki Kanaya, both 77-76 for the challenger; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 77-77.

Misawa dropped the champ with a roundhouse right to the face for the mandatory eight in the fourth round. But Yamamoto's left eye puffed and almost closed, forcing referee Morita to stop the bout. Yamamoto, 26, improved to 19-7-6 with 12 kayoes. Misawa fell to 11-6 with seven knockouts.

Tadashi Shimabukuro, 122, was almost toppled in the opening session, but caught Kazuo Osamu, the JBC's top junior feather contender at 120½, with smashing rights to halt him at 1:09 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Shimabukuro, a lanky boxer at 22, is now 10-0-1 with seven kayoes. (The draw was in a previous contest with Osamu.) The loser, a puzzling switch-hitter, fell to 17-4-2 with 11 knockouts. Masakazu Uchida refereed.

Lanky Leopard Tamakuma, the JBC's 10th ranked junior flyweight at 109¾, caught slower Tomoo Matsumoto, 109, stopping him at 2:50 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Tamakuma, ex-All Japan Novice King tourney winner, is now 11-3 with three kayoes. Matsumoto is 4-2-1 with three knockouts.

Kenji Yokozawa, 107¼, and Yutaka Kakuta, 108, fought to a technical draw at 1:55 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Yokozawa suffered a bad gash due to an accidental butt.

Hiroaki Motohashi, the lightweight winner of the All-Japan Novice King tourney of this year at 141¾, floored Hiroyuki Takeuchi, 145¾, twice and halted him at 2:03 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Motohashi, 19, ranked fifth by the JBC, is now 8-1 with five kayoes.

Kokusai Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,380 (estimated).
(10-24-85)

▶**SHIGA PREF.—Koshigaoka Park Gymnasium**—Japanese junior featherweight champ Takuya Muguruma, the WBC's 19th ranked 122-pounder at the limit, scored an easy defense as he disposed of taller Satoshi Okuma, also 122, at 2:01 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Muguruma, an aggressive warrior, got inside of the challenger and dropped him with a wicked body shot in the opening canto. He floored the loser twice more in the next round. Takuya, a stablemate of the WBC champ Jiro Watanabe, is 20-1-1 with fourteen kayoes. Okuma fell to 13-9-3 with six knockouts. Muguruma will meet OPBF champ Yun-Kap Choi to whom he had lost a 12-round decision, again.

In the semi-final 10, fast rising lefty Yukinari Oshiro, 110¼, tasted a bitter TKO at the hand of ex-amateur star Kenzo Matsumura, 112, at 1:39 of the third session.

Matsumura, in his second pro outing, overwhelmed the southpaw with his faster combinations, and Oshiro suffered a cut over the left eyebrow midway in the first round. He tried to fight back, but the JBC physician stopped the contest. Matsumura is now 2-0 with one kayo. Oshiro, piloted by ex-Orient junior feather boss Akio Maki, is 10-2 with six kayoes. Ryoji Kashiwagi refereed. (Matsumura's amateur record was 33-9.)

Promoted by Taiho Promotions. Kansai TV.

Attendance—500.
(10-29-85)

▶**SHIZUOKA—Industrial Arena**—An old soldier wasn't dead. Shark Ishihara, a previously unbeaten rookie at 134¼, received a lesson from a foxy veteran named Kojiro Sasaki, also 134¼, losing a shutout decision in 10.

Scoring: referee Makimura 100-95, judges Ito 99-96 and Ushida 100-97, all for the taller guy. Shark, this year's winner of All Japan *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney, suffered his first setback, dropping to 6-1 with three kayoes. Sasaki is 16-23-10 with seven kayoes.

Minoru Kujo, 139¼, was also a shutout winner on points over Kazumi Yokoi, 141¾, in 10. Scoring: 100-92 and double 100-93. The loser took a standing eight count in the sixth round. He was on the defensive all the way.

Hiraiwa Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).

▶**NAHA, OKINAWA PREF.—Ohnoyama Gymnasium**—Sensational puncher Tsuyoshi Hamada, 134¾, needed just 90 seconds of the first round to knock out Indonesian challenger Suwarno Perico, 134½, in a scheduled 12-rounder.

This was Hamada's first defense since he won the OPBF crown from Filipino Jongjong Pacquing last July. Tsuyoshi, a thick bearded southpaw, swarmed over the slim challenger and landed a wicked straight left to the jaw for the knockout.

Hamada, 24, upped his log to 19-1 and one no-contest with 18 knockouts. Perico, 23, fell to 19-7 with 10 kayoes. The 1:30 kayo is a new record for OPBF lightweight title bouts. Hamada will face either Lonnie Smith or Ubaldo Sacco next March.

In the semi-final 10, Japanese welterweight champ Fujio Ozaki, 146½, was befuddled by the gameness and footwork of Nobutaka Kuwata, also 146½, but finished him at 2:05 of the eighth round.

Ozaki's combinations floored the shifty challenger in rounds seven and eight. Ozaki, the WBC's 20th ranked 147-pounder, is 18-3 with 10 kayoes. Kuwata, four years his senior at 27, is 10-13-2 with eight knockouts. Kuwata fought much better than expected.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—5,000 (estimated).

▶**OITA—Prefectural Sports Center**—Masato Kudo, the JBC's ninth ranked junior fly at 109¾, scored with body shots and halted Masaki Sono, 111¼, at 1:45 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Kudo, a local favorite, is now 9-5-1 with three kayoes. He is willing to move down to the newly created mini-flyweight division.

Oita Promotions. No telecast.
(11-04-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Carlos Elliott, Japanese junior middleweight champ at 151¼, survived critical moments in the fifth and sixth rounds and finished Mitsuo Hatano, a previously unbeaten challenger at 154, at 2:21 of the eighth round in a

scheduled 10.

This was Carlos' first defense since he dethroned Mugen Kawasaka with a devastating second round kayo last July. Elliott, a U.S. worker in Misawa Base Camp, banged Hatano around from the outset, but tired visibly in the fifth round. Carlos regained his freshness in round eight, when he dropped Hatano twice before referee Takeo Ugo tolled the fatal ten.

Carlos, 10-1 with as many knockouts, should train harder, as he has a tendency to lose stamina. Hatano fell to 5-1 with five kayoes.

Wolf Sato, 129¼, stopped Michio Jimbo, also 129¼, at 0:31 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Hard punching Takayoshi Chino, 135, demolished Joji Mohri, also 135, at 0:38 of the second round in a scheduled six. Chino, with a body builder's torso, is now 7-1 with six kayoes.

There were four four-rounders.

Rubic Hachinohe Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—2,025.

(11-07-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Free swinging Masakatsu Sakuma, the JBC's fifth ranked bantamweight at 121½, was floored with a good one-two combo by Hideki Kanai, 121¼, but fought back furiously to draw with him, eight rounds. Kanai, the JBC's number seven bantie, piloted by ex-Japanese feather kingpin Manzo Kikuchi, is now 9-3-2 with six kayoes. Sakuma is 8-10-3 with four knockouts.

Scoring: referee Uchida and judge Morita, both 77-77; judge Kumazaki 78-77, Sakuma.

King Sports Promotions. No telecast.

▶**NOTES**—Because of economic problems, plus the tragic earthquake, many Mexican fighters are willing to fight in Japan. Isidro Perez, the WBC's top light flyweight contender, is one of them. His debut is scheduled on December 26, but promoter Hiroshi Saito is unable to find an opponent due to rumors that Isidro is an uncrowned world champ.

Goro Kashiwamura, former Japanese flyweight champ, passed away on October 19 following a kidney disease. Goro, a very popular fighter, was 77. His overall record was 40-22-1 with 21 knockouts. After his retirement, he served as a referee.

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▶**TAEGU—Taegu Indoor Gymnasium**—Kyung-Dok Ahn, 140, won the OPBF junior welterweight title as he aggressively battered defending titlist Eung-Shik Kim, also 140, and won a unanimous decision, 12. Scoring: referee Kazumasa Kuwata, 119-116; judge Dal-Won Kim, 120-111; judge Jin-Shik Choi, 119-114—all for the taller challenger.

Kyung-Dok, piloted by Ho-Yun Chun, kept mixing it up, using his effective left hooks at close quarters. The champ may have underestimated Ahn's real power. Eung-Shik, who had stopped Japanese champ Akio Kameda twice, often missed big punches.

Ahn is now 19-0 with nine kayoes. Kim fell to 13-1 with 11 knockouts.

Wang-Sup Lee, 160, caught Bong-Chul Kim, 161¼, and finished him at 1:50 of the ninth round in the semi-final 10.

Dong-A Promotions.

(10-01-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chung-Won Chung, the IBF's 10th ranked junior lightweight at 132¼, demolished ex-Japanese featherweight champ Tatsunari Hisahiro, 132½, at 1:19 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Chung is now 19-0 with 11 knockouts.

Sang-Moon Suh, the Korean Commission's third ranked lightweight at 140¼, disposed of Dok-Bong Kim, 141, at 2:57 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Waryong Promotions.

(10-09-85)

▶**CHUNGJU—Chungju Indoor Gymnasium**—IBF world junior featherweight champion Ji-Won Kim, 122, responded to the challenge of dethroned kingpin Seung-In Suh, also 122, and repeated his kayo win—this time, at 1:06 of the first round in a scheduled 15.

As soon as the bell sounded, Kim's southpaw right hook exploded to the jaw of the taller Suh. He went down, rose and caught another solid shot to hit the deck again. Referee Kiyoshi Kazama called a halt when Seung-In went down for the fourth time.

The southpaw Kim is still unbeaten with a record of 15-0-2 with six kayoes. Suh, who had halted Filipino lefty Bobby Berna to win the IBF crown, fell to 22-5 with nine knockouts.

Jung-Taek Lee, the Korean Commission's second ranked junior featherweight at 123½, stopped Cha-Sok Oh, 123¼, at 0:48 of the 10th and final round. Lee is now 12-3-1 with 10 knockouts.

Saeki Promotions.

(10-09-85)

▶**POHANG—Pohang Indoor Gymnasium**—Seung-Hoon Lee, the WBC's fourth ranked super bantamweight at 123, took just 145 seconds to polish off Flash Rockman, Filipino top featherweight contender at 121½, in a scheduled 10.

Seung-Hoon, 35-5 with eighteen kayoes, lost a controversial decision to Victor Callejas in the champ's hometown, San Juan, early this year. Lee is willing to challenge either Callejas or WBC kingpin Lupe Pintor.

Chong-Hak Lee, 138¾, won the new Korean junior welterweight title with a decision over Sang-Shik Kim, 140, in a 10-round eliminator. Lee is now 14-5-3 with four kayoes. Kim fell to 7-3-1 with five knockouts.

World Promotions.

(10-19-85)

▶**NONSAN—Nonsan High School Gymnasium**—Bi-Won Chung, the WBC's ninth ranked flyweight at 114, displayed fast jabs and good one-twos in dropping Filipino Boy Samson, 113¼, twice and for the count in 2:14 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Bi-Won had entered the WBC's top ten by beating Soon-Jun Kang (who drew with ex-world champ Prudencio Cardona) last December. He has compiled a record of 19-4-2 with four kayoes. Samson, the GAB's second ranked 112-pounder, is 12-10-2 with three knockouts.

The semi-final 10 saw Sang-Do Chung, 153¾, retain his Korean junior middleweight title by stopping Dae-Kyom Kim, 153, at 1:58 of the sixth round. Chung is now 10-1-2 with four kayoes. Kim is 4-7-1 with one kayo.

Palpal Promotions.

(10-20-85)

▶**PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—In-Chul Baek, 156½, flattened Fred Hutchings, the WBC's fifth ranked super welterweight at 157¼, in 2:53 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Baek is now 35-1 with 35 knockouts. Fred dropped to 29-3 with 20 kayoes.

In the semi-final, Yung-Kil Chung, 146¾, kept his Korean welterweight crown by copping a decision over Ju-Kwan Chung, also 146¾, 10. Chung improved to 13-3-2 with seven kayoes. Chung fell to 6-3-1 with one knockout.

World Promotions.

(10-27-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Seung-Soon Lee, the WBC's 11th ranked welterweight at 146½, pounded out a unanimous decision over Filipino top contender Fernando Gloria, 147, 10.

Lee, also ranked seventh by the IBF, bettered his log to 27-1 with 20 knockouts.

Dong-A Promotions.

(10-27-85)

JOE KOIZUMI & YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▶**POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTABATO**—Boy Morales, 130, was held to a technical draw by Dodong Oculam, the ninth ranked junior lightweight by the GAB (Games and Amusements Board, the governmental commission of this country), in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Dioscoro Morales.

(09-08-85)

▶**PASAY SPORTS COMPLEX**—Little Bangoyan, the GAB's sixth ranked junior feather, 115, earned a majority decision over John Matienza, 123, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

John Calanogan, 112, decisioned Elysser Guevarra, 111½, 10.

Majie Bonna, 123, stopped Rey Villaflores, also 123, at 1:39 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Salvador Antonio, 133½, TKO'd Flash Dulcero, 131, at 2:40 of the third canto in a scheduled six.

Mar Lloren, 123, won from Florencio Tenedero, 123, four.

Emil Romano, 112, halted Arthur Riveral, also 112, at 1:03 of the second session in the opener.

Promoter—Alex Wangkay.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Dizon.

(09-14-85)

▶**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Ruben dela Cruz, 115, the Filipino junior bantamweight champ, scored a fine TKO win over Domy Abar Uez, 116, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round non-title go.

Ali Granada, the GAB's number seven bantamweight at 122, unanimously decisioned Rudy Castillon, also 122, 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(09-14-85)

▶**PANABO, DAVAO**—Fernando Carupo, the GAB's eighth ranked flyweight at 114, fought to a majority draw with Jun Afabli, 110, 10.

Promoter—Vivencio Jumamil.

(09-14-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Al Duran, 131½, eked out a majority decision over Sugar Ray Adonis, 132, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Lito Vasquez, 140, was held to a technical draw by Nilo Acido, 142, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Ed Hemo, 110, won from Ernesto Robiso, 111, eight.

Salvador Maca, 112, unanimously beat Julius Olegario, 113½, six.

Four rounders: Rex Cabusuas, 138, stopped Salem Pascual, 134, at 1:15 of the second round. Romeo Olezo, 123½, took a split nod over Rodrigo Altarejos, 122¾. Ramon Alrade, 130, won from Dar del Rosario, also 130. Casmiro Albesa, 110, TKO'd Diego Unlao, 106½, at 2:45 of the third session. Gilberto Magada, 127, won from Frank Assis, 123½, in the opener.

Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Carlos Dizon.

(09-17-85)

▶**ISULAN, SULTAN KUDARAT**—Elmer Cubillas, the GAB's fifth ranked bantam at 120, scored a TKO over Boy Posadaz, also 120, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(09-21-85)

▶**LANDASAN, NORTH COTABATO**—Edgar Apatan, 122, won a unanimous decision over Rodolfo Inocian, 112, 10.

Promoter—Carlito Balacuit.

(09-22-85)

▶**STO. TOMAS, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Fernando Gloria, 140, took a unanimous decision over Cris Ladera, 140, 10.

Robinson Cabusao, 140, lost a unanimous verdict to Cris Ladera, also 140, 10.

Promoter—Pedro Solis.

(09-22-85)

▶**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Rudy Casicas, the GAB's second ranked junior featherweight at 120, won a unanimous decision over Bonnie Castillo, 119½, 10.

Ric Bajelot, 119, won a unanimous nod over Orlando Gutierrez, 123, 10.

Boy Samson, the GAB's second ranked flyweight at 115, chalked up a fine TKO over Tony Ducay, also 115, in the fourth round of the first 10.

Promoter—Felimon Vasquez.

(09-27-85)

▶**ALORAN, MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL**—Mac Espanola, the GAB's eighth ranked featherweight at 124, knocked out Ernie Nadal, 125, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Roberto Yabut.

(09-27-85)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Little Bangoyan, a busy campaigner at 128, unanimously decisioned Rene Aroy, 129, 10.

Cesar Ligan, 130, was also a unanimous points winner over Bon Sarte, also 130, 10.

Boy Romero, 135, won from Sammy Cordova, 135, 10.

Kid Kanashiro, the GAB's sixth ranked flyweight at 112, outscored Elmer Magallano, 110, 10. (Elmer fought Satoshi Shingaki for the vacant IBF world bantamweight crown.)

Promoter—Eusebio Almario, Jr.

(09-28-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Momong Manaay, a newcomer at 126½, won a unanimous decision over Amado Cabato, 127½, 10.

Joe Hiyas, a veteran at 122½, TKO'd Ed Danao, 120¾, in the fifth session of their scheduled 10.

Ronnie Vallescas, the GAB's sixth ranked junior flyweight at 110, won a unanimous duke over Nick Dalisay, 110½, 10.

Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.

(09-28-85)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Romy Navarrete, the younger brother of ex-WBC king pin Rolando, 113, showed fine form in copping a unanimous decision over Rene Busayong, former Filipino champ at 112, 10.

Dadoy Andujar, 113, won from Rolando Bohol, 112, 10.

Jun Dolor, 114, was held to a majority draw by Boy Donaire, 114, 10.

Promoter—Ricardo Mendez.

(09-29-85)

▶**LAPU-LAPU CITY, CEBU**—Benjie Miole, 113½, finished Cel Sagosay, 113½, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Roberto Edillo.

(09-29-85)

▶**NOTES**—Some people say Filipino boxing has declined since the days of Flash Elorde, Erbito Salavarria, Bernabe Villacampo, et al. This reporter doesn't think so. The country has good prospects in IBF junior flyweight champ Dodie Boy Penalosa, ex-WBC flyweight kingpin Frank Cedeno, ex-IBF titlist Bobby Berna, current OPBF junior lightweight ruler Rod Sequenan, etc.

Filipino fighters are as talented as those of Korea and Japan. Economics force Filipino boxers to fight in their opponents' hometowns in other countries, and the Filipinos sometimes suffer hometown decisions—or are matched against experienced local favorites.

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—An eliminator to decide the new OPBF junior bantamweight champion took place, and the result caused considerable dispute.

Petcngam Chuvatana, Thai titlist at 115, fought back hard in the late rounds to win the title with a split decision over Filipino champion Ruben dela Cruz, 114½, 12.

There were no knockdowns, but Ruben took the initiative in the first eight rounds behind his jab. The Filipino deserves a rematch.

(10-03-85)

▶**SAMUTPRAKARN PROVINCE—Samrong Boxing Stadium**—Having compiled a fine record of 14-1 with 13 kayoes, Yuenyong Sithprasong was rated sixth by the WBA.

Yuenyong, a hard punching prospect, faced ex-WBC flyweight champ Frank Cedeno, a Filipino lefty, and was knocked out in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

(10-06-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaokor Galaxy, 118, the elder twin brother of WBA champ Kaosai Galaxy, made a fine debut in international style boxing and disposed of rookie Kwannarong Savadivaree, 118½, in the third round of a scheduled six.

(10-09-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Kongtoranee Payakarun, 117, the WBA's fifth ranked junior bantamweight, caught fast Kentoku Nakama, from Japan, also 117, and demolished him in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Kongtoranee, who decisioned former WBC champ Payao Poontarat in his second appearance, is now 4-0 with two kayoes. The short but sturdy Thai, however, had been *Muay-Thai* (national kick boxing) champ in three (flyweight, junior bantamweight and bantamweight) classes. He looks very tough.

(10-11-85)

▶**BANGKOK**—Samart Payakarun, 124, the WBC's seventh ranked super bantamweight, wasn't in good shape, but caught Thongberm Lookmaturee, the TBC's top junior lightweight contender at 124, and stopped him in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Samart dropped Lookmaturee in the third, fifth and eighth rounds. The Thai lefty has signed a contract to fight Lupe Pintor for the WBC super bantamweight crown in Thailand on January 18. Samart is now 10-0 with five kayoes.

(10-13-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Prayurasak Muangsurin, 122, won the vacant Thai junior featherweight crown by stopping Kingnapha Singthorchao, the top contender, also 122, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Paryurasak, who had previously beaten ex-WBC champ Chul-Ho Kim, had Kongnapha on the deck in the first and fourth rounds. The new champ is 15-4 with 11 kayoes.

(10-16-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Downmai Sithkodom, 120, the TBC's second ranked bantam, won a unanimous decision over Nakrach Kiatsonthaya, 120, six. Nakrach, although rated fifth in the 108-pound class, cannot make the junior flyweight any longer.

(10-17-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—In the daytime card, Chalow Muangsurin, 118, kept his Lumpinee bantamweight title with a unanimous decision (all 49-45) over rising Surasit Meeprasert, 117, 10.

Surasit, ranked 20th by the WBC, hit the deck for a count of nine in the third round.

(10-19-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—In the night card, ex-Thai mini-flyweight champ Kairung Sithpayak, 109, easily knocked out Sringarong Sithseemok, 110, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

(10-19-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Eak Donjadee, the TBC's second ranked mini-flyweight at 116, finished Kaopongnoi S. Thaveerat, 115, in the third round of a scheduled six. Eak seems to have outgrown the 104-pound class.

(10-20-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakdisamuth Singsamang, the number two Thai flyweight at 113, returned from a kayo loss to Hi-Sup Shin in his bid for the OPBF title in Korea, and disposed of Suriya Pratumvadee, 114, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

(10-22-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Veerachai Vongprasert, the TBC's eighth ranked flyweight at 112, easily took a unanimous decision over Vatanasak Satiragym, 113, six.

(10-23-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, 121, earned a unanimous decision over Yongsak Sakprayuth, the TBC's eighth ranked junior featherweight, 122, in their six-round rematch.

(10-24-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Akradej Sithwatyairom, the TBC's ninth ranked featherweight, 127, outscored Samart Kruthavuth, 129, six.

(10-25-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Petchainat Donjadee, the Thai top flyweight contender, 114, won a unanimous nod over Pornchai Lanjaopraya, 113½, six.

(10-27-85)

▶**BANGKOK**—Sakdising Singkungthon, 122, the TBC's number four bantamweight, drew with Noomnau Pathanasing, 120, six.

(10-28-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Tanjai Kiatthavatchai, the TBC's number eight mini-flyweight at 104, decisioned Sianchai Kiatsonthaya, 105, six.

(10-29-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaokor Galaxy, 117½, in his second bout, disposed of Kiatichai Kiatsonthaya, 117, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

(10-30-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kwanjai Sorpengpis, ex-Thai junior flyweight champ, 108, dropped a split decision to Mahasamuth Sithnaruepon, the TBC's top contender, also 108, six.

(10-31-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA

▶**PRESTON—Town Hall**—With the IBF world junior lightweight title safely in his keeping, Barry Michael relinquished his Australian lightweight crown, and Dale Artango and Graeme Brooke met over 12 rounds to find the new ruler. Artango, 134½, emerged victorious over Brooke, 134½, on points in the greatest fight seen in the State of Victoria this year—and that is saying a lot when you consider the Barry Michael-Lester Ellis, Lester Ellis-Rod Sequenan fights and a few other top class ring battles.

Referee Gus Mercurio scored it for Artango, 115-114, judge Johnny Wheeler carded 116-116, while judge Malcolm Bulner saw it to Artango by a long way—118-109.

No knockdowns but sure was plenty of fight. Both are good boxers, both willing fighters. Artango is a very fast puncher and is unbeaten as a professional.

The Town Hall was not big enough to accommodate all the fans, some 400 being turned away. Inside were about 1,300, including 300 standing. Promoters were Ben and Cos Brizzi.

Former Australian amateur champion Wilf Gentzen retained his unbeaten pro record by halting Guy Parker in round three of a scheduled eight-rounder. Gentzen scaled 143¼, Parker 149¾.

In six-rounders, Kevin Hargraves, 176¼, outpointed Vince Cervi, 174; Nick Hatzil, 143¼, outpointed Dan McMurray, 150; Pat Mudford, 134½, outpointed Joe Cutajar, 134½.

Tommygun Mangan, 127¾, drew with Nick Fletcher, 127¾, three.

(10-27-85)

▶**PORTLAND—Civic Center**—Peter Gillespie and Nick Skoric met for the vacant Victorian State light heavyweight title, the unbeaten Gillespie taking the crown with a seventh round KO.

Former State light heavy champ Ken Eldridge stepped in at short notice and outpointed Mick King over six rounds.

Tim Wayne outpointed comebacking Peter Bryan, six.

Richard Corrigan outpointed Graeme McKenzie, three.

(10-28-85)

QUEENSLAND

▶**MANSFIELD—Tavern**—Mark Janssen, 154¼, was too smart for NSW State champion middleweight Roy Alexander, 158½. He clinched it in round four with a solid right to the jaw. The punch did not deck Alexander, but it broke his jaw and that ended the fight. Roy was withdrawn at the end of the round. Denzil Creed refereed. Scheduled for 10.

Graeme Jeffries, 134½, outpointed Johnny Fooks, 136¾, eight.

Ronald Doo, 139¾, outpointed Danny Davies, 147¾, four.

Roy Saunders, 130, outpointed John Crouch, four.

Program was promoted by George Balindinos and Johnny Fooks senior, the latter the father of the lad who lost the eight-rounder. Balindinos is Cyclone George, who boxed in a four-rounder.

(10-14-85)

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Australian welterweight champion Brian Janssen, 148¾, had his hands full against Argentinian Carlos Prieto, also 148¾, 10. Result was a draw, split three ways.

Prieto is a tricky boxer. At long range, he outboxed the aggressive Janssen, but Brian is one fighter who will not be denied. Crowd enjoyed the fight.

Also over 10, former Australian middleweight champion Emmanuel Otti, 165, outpointed Fijian Lorima Niumataiwalu, 162½. Unanimous decision. Poor contest.

Crowd pleasing Musa Sione, 140½, outpointed Paul Delosa, also 140½, eight. Unanimous. Action fight.

Russell Finn, 127, outpointed Rodney Bowman, 128¾, over eight in an upset. Bowman is a speed merchant, very fast and clever, but he did not throw enough leather.

In a six, Cyclone George, 139, drew with Mike Slivka, 135.

(10-21-85)

▶**ROCKHAMPTON—Police Youth Club**—With the retirement of Steve Bell, the Australian junior flyweight throne fell vacant, so former champion Junior Thompson met Bobby Williams for the vacant title at this club. A rip to the solar plexus in round four ended the fight in Thompson's favor. Referee Billy Dunnett counted Williams out.

Thompson was in command all the way. Bout scheduled for 12 rounds. Thompson scaled 107¼, Williams 107.

Billed for 10 rounds, Roger Henry halted Jimmy Muhammad in round two. Henry scaled 139½, Muhammad 133¼.

Leroy King, 147¼, outpointed Mark Vallance, 142¼, eight. It was Vallance's first fight in 14 months, his inactivity being brought about by a ligament operation.

Steve Peel, 148½, halted Steve Lewis, 153¾, in round two of a six.

Ivan Colusso, 147, outpointed local Rod Price, 148¼, six.

(10-26-85)

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—American Kenny Butts came here to fight IBF bantam champion Jeff Fenech, and he received $6,000 appearance money. That is the only way it could be described legally, as Butts had no intention of being hit; he ran around the ring and quit cold in his corner at the end of round two. The crowd was disgusted; Fenech was disgusted; promoters Bill Mordey and Reg Layton were disgusted.

We don't want bums taking promoters, fans and fighters for rides. Butts should have paid the promoters $6,000 for a free trip to Australia!

In the other scheduled 10, former IBF junior lightweight champion Lester Ellis flattened American Conrad Maez in round two. Maez regained his feet at the count of eight, but referee Alan Moore stopped it.

Over eight rounds, Graeme Looker, 147, outpointed Glenn Collis, 144. Not a good fight. Too much holding.

In another scheduled eight, former Australian amateur champion Shane Knox, 128½, stopped Roy Saunders, 129, in round four. Knox is several classes above Saunders.

Cyclone George, 138½, outpointed Mike Slivka, 134, six. It was their third meeting in three weeks.

Peter Mitrevski, 114, halted Smokey Willis, 116½, in the final round of a four.

Noel Thornberry, 162, outpointed Peter Mistroiani, 163, four.

(11-04-85)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**LEUMEAH—Campbelltown Leagues Club**—Two eight-rounders headlined.

Tua Sugana, 179¾, outpointed comebacking Con O'Connor, 195.

Paul Toweel, 155½, stopped Joe Lukui, 165¼, in round six.

Miguel Pimentel, 152¼, drew with Shane Grant, 145½, six.

Tony Porrata, 166½, outpointed David Plunkett, 165½, three.

(10-22-85)

▶**CARDIFF—Workers Club**—An eight-rounder headed the bill this night, and Darwin North, 154¼, knocked out veteran Nooky Curyer, 158¾, in round four.

Robert Simmons, 119, outpointed Caine Clunes, 119¼, six.

Four-rounders: Steve Lawton, 174¼, KO 3 Brad Cooper, 176½; Joe Brennan, 132¼, KO 4 Stewart Weekes, 143¼; Steve Cox, 135½, outpointed Jimmy Henry, 135½; George Yachouh, 142¼, outpointed Steve Henry, 147¾.

(10-23-85)

▶**SANCTUARY POINT—St. Georges Basin Country Club**—Brian Roberts, 134½, and Roger Henry, 134, two veterans, met over 10 rounds for the vacant NSW State lightweight title, and Roberts won a split decision in a good bout. Tony Rok refereed.

Darrell Cribb, 127, drew with Bobby Mastro, 129, in a terrific eight-rounder. The decision was split three ways.

In another eight, Mark Vallance, 145½, drew with Ivan Colusso, 148, each judge carding it even. Very good battle.

All three contests were showered with notes and coins from ringsiders. Peter Fuller promoted.

(11-09-85)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

▶**ADELAIDE—Festival Theatre**—Flash Chisango of Zimbabwe, who is campaigning in Australia, met former amateur champion Kevin Barry of South Australia over 10 rounds in Barry's pro debut. Chisango, 183¾, won on points. Barry scaled 216.

In a second 10, Michael Harrie, 130, making his pro debut, outpointed experienced Phil Miller, 130½.

In yet another 10, Ray Parry, 130½, knocked out Johnny Duff, 127¾, in round two.

The only other contest, a six-rounder, resulted in a points win for Richard Reilly, 123½, over Eric Rigney, 125¾.

Promoter was John Lewington.

(11-01-85)

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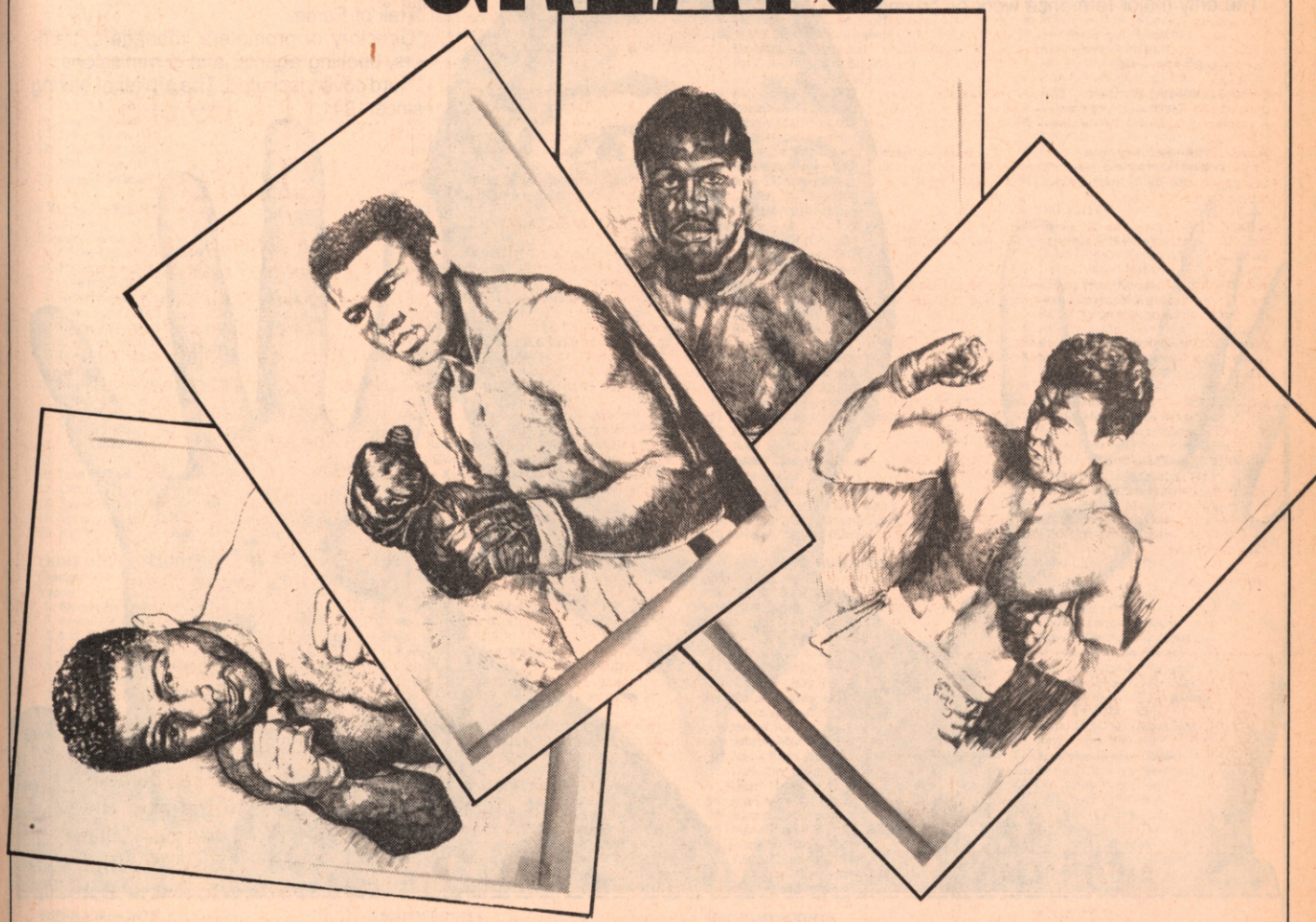

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6. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
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15. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
16. Manuel Batista (Dominican Rep.)
17. Juan Cazaro (Puerto Rico)
18. Takuya Muguruma (Japan)
19. Valerio Nati (Italy)
20. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)

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Champion
Miguel Lora (Colombia)
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2. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
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4. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
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16. James Manning (U.S.)
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20. Sam David (U.S.)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
1. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
2. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
3. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
4. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
5. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
6. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
7. Kongtoranee Payakaroon (Thailand)
8. Dong-Chun Lee (Korea)
9. Suk-Hwan Yuh (Korea)
10. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
11. Kazuo Katsuma (Japan)
12. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
13. Juan Polo Perez (Colombia)
14. Juan Carlos Cortes (Argentina)
15. Miguel Perez (Colombia)
16. Jose Chacon (Panama)
17. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
18. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
19. Petchngam Chuvatana (Thailand)
20. Ruben Condori (Argentina)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
3. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
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5. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
6. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
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8. Shuichi Hozumi (Japan)
9. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
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12. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
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18. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
19. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
20. Claudemir Dias (Brazil)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
4. Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)
5. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
6. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
7. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
8. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
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10. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
11. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
12. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
13. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
14. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)
15. Moon-Jin Choi (Korea)
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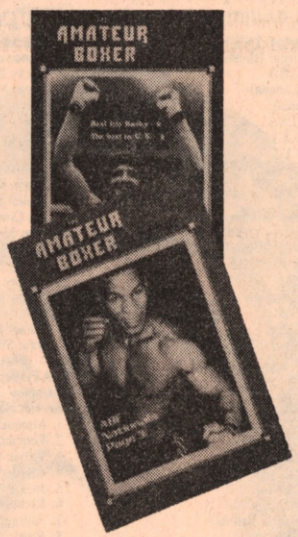

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Tom Trimm D8 Steve Eisenbarth

CRUISERWEIGHTS

Stanley Ross W12 Boone Pultz (Won USBA Title)
Roy Smith W10 Roy Skeldon
Henry Milligan KO1 Scott Lindecker
Andy Straughn D10 Antonio Harris

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

J.B. Williamson W12 Prince Mohammad (Won Vacant WBC Title)
Murray Sutherland KO2 Mike Hyman
Vinnie Curto KO8 Maurice Moore
Marvin Johnson KO4 Frank Lux
Ken Snider KO2 Don Thacker
Uriah Grant KO4 Gary Clarke
Willie Featherstone KO5 Darryl Spain
Charles Williams W10 Jeff Lampkin

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Iran Barkley W12 Mike Tinley (Won Vacant Continental Americas Title)
Said Skouma KO6 Enrico Scacchia (Won Vacant European Title)
Robbie Sims KO4 Mario Tineo
Matthew Lewis KO2 Bernard Mays
Michael Olajide KO7 Elio Diaz
Tony Burke KO10 Conrad Oscar
Kevin Watts W10 Dwight Walker
Tony Cerda KO5 Rosendo Ruvalcaba
Ignacio Zavala W10 Cecil Pettigrew
Martin Pierce KO2 David Plouden
Don Lee KO2 Martin Pierce
Ronnie Essett W8 Victor Claudio
David McClusky W10 Knox Brown
Paul Whittacker KO1 Benito Fernandez
Michael Nunn W8 Jorge Amparo
Crandell King W8 Tony Golden
Frank Tate KO3 Bruce Calway
Vincent Boulware KO4 Donald Varnado
Dennis Milton KO4 Mario Davis

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Julian Jackson KO1 Raul Hernandez
John Munduga KO7 Jose Santana
Don Shiver W12 Sam (King) Floyd (Won Vacant Universal Boxing Association Title)
Hugh Kearney W8 Sydney Outlaw
Mike Castranova W6 Pat Prisco
Marvin Ray Jones D6 Tim Rabon

WELTERWEIGHTS

Donald Curry KO2 Milton McCrory (Won Vacant World Title)
Marlon Starling W12 Simon Brown (Retained USBA Title)
Tommy Ayers KO3 Dexter Smith
Maurice Blocker KO1 Efrain Olivo
Lloyd Honeyghan KO8 Sylvester Mittee (Retained European Title) (Won British and Commonwealth Titles)
Laurie Mann W10 Bruce Finch
Manning Galloway W10 Jerome Kinney
Shawn O'Sullivan KO1 Ricardo Avendano
Ricky Anderson KO2 Juan Contres
Greg Shannon KO1 Gene Holly
Ken Foreman W10 Neil Patterson
Mike Picciotti KO4 Pablo Baez
Othal Dixon KO2 Jeff Goodwin
J.J. Watters W8 Johnny Johnson
George Collins KO5 Mickey Bird

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Ricky Young W10 Leroy Haley
Rene Arredondo KO2 Eduardo Valdez
Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez W10 Lorenzo Garcia
Cubanito Perez W10 Ali Karin Muhammad
Arthur Mayisela KO9 Brian Baronet (Retained South African Title)
Vincent Pettway KO2 Jose Luis Alejandro
Walter Sims W10 Juan Carlos Alvarado
Eduardo Lugo W10 Harvey Hester
Clifford Gray W6 Mike English
Tyrone Trice KO7 Dave Odem
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Anthony Williams W8 Murray Frazier
Anthony Holt KO3 Danny Chapman

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Jimmy Paul W10 Fred Pendleton
Terrence Alli W10 Danny Vargas
Sammy Fuentes KO8 Roberto Suarez
Vinnie Pazienza KO2 Melvin Paul
Alex Byrd KO2 Dave Guerra
Pernell Whitaker KO1 Jesus de la Cruz
Tony Willis KO5 Paul Chance (Retained British Title)
Divino Inocian W10 Davey Montana
Rodney Moore KO1 Curt Adams
Keith Grimes KO1 Mike Brown
Monty Sherrick W8 William Martinez
A.D. Wiggins KO6 Joe Starr
Roger Brown W6 Nick Parker

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Geronimo Luquez W10 Mike Cruz
Raphe Sims KO3 Rey Garza

Hurley Snead (right) attacks Jose (Pulga) Torres on his way to a fifth-round TKO victory. The match was part of the Curry-McCrory undercard in Las Vegas.

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Mark Fernandez W10 Momong Manaay
Vernon Buchanan W8 Richard Pelen
Wilmer Ruiz KO7 Ernesto Guevara
Bernard Gray KO4 Joe Celestine
Andy Minsker KO5 Carlton Sparrow
John Feeney W8 Kevin Pritchard
Rocky Young W8 Richard Ismael

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ki-Yung Chung KO15 Min-Keun Oh (Won IBF Title)
Refugio Rojas KO5 Lupe Suarez
Steve Cruz KO9 Tommy Cordova
Robert Shannon KO2 Pedro Gonzales
Ralph Aviles KO2 Jun Tito

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jeff Fenech W15 Jerome Coffee (Retained IBF Title)
Hurley Snead KO5 Jose (Pulga) Torres
Edgar Monserrat KO1 Elpidio de Paula
Fred Reed Hall KO4 Larry Cheatham

FLYWEIGHTS

Myung-Woo Yuh W15 Joey Olivo (Won WBA Junior Flyweight Title)
Giampiero Pinna W12 Mario Bitetto (Retained Italian Title)
Orlando Canizales KO3 Steve Whetstone

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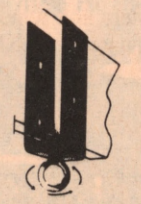

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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

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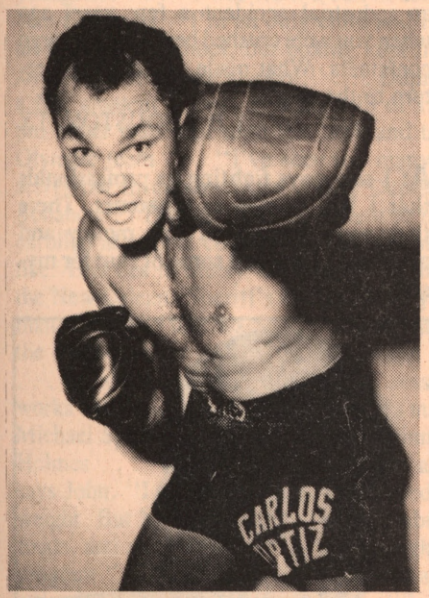
Former lightweight champion Carlos Ortiz was recently honored by New York's Downtown Athletic Club.



BEN JEBY, FORMER WORLD MIDDLEweight champion, who died at the age of 76 in Brooklyn, New York this past year, was born Morris Jabaltowsky on December 27, 1909 in New York City. Ben was managed by the late Hymie Caplan, one of the old guard managers of the roaring twenties. Jeby hailed from New York's lower East Side, a section of New York which produced more than its share of top-notch fighters.

Ben broke into the pro ranks in 1927, punching his way through small clubs and eventually on to main events. Some of his notable opponents were: Vince Dundee, Frankie Battaglia, Len Harvey, Young Terry, Dave Shade, Paul Pirrone, Gorrila Jones, My Sullivan, Joe Dundee, Harry Ebbetts, Tony Vaccarelli, Nick Palmer, Laddie Lee, Joey LaGrey and Al Diamond.

Ben won the NBA version middleweight crown by defeating Chuck Devlin over 15 rounds on November 21, 1932 in New York. In his next bout, he won the vacant world middleweight title (New York version) by knocking out Frankie Battaglia in 12 rounds on January 13, 1933. Jeby successfully defended the title twice, drawing with Vince Dundee and decisioning the tough Young Terry over 15 rounds.

On August 9, 1933, Ben lost his claim to the title, losing to southpaw and former double champion, Lou Brouillard, by a knockout in seven rounds. Ben fought his last bout on July 14, 1936, winning an eight round decision over Jackie Aldare in Brooklyn, closing out a career with a total of 73 pro bouts, losing only 14. In his later years he was employed as a plumbing inspector for the city of New York.

THE NATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION, in conjunction with the City of Hope, recently sponsored a dinner honoring Emanuel Steward, manager of present champions Tommy Hearns, Jimmy Paul and Milton McCrory; and Pat and Goody Petronelli, managers of Marvelous Marvin Hagler; and Michael Jones, manager of former world champion Billy Costello. Also honored were Eddie Futch, renowned boxing trainer and Dr. Max Novich, sports medicine specialist. The dinner was held at the Eden Roc Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida. The honorees received the first Spirit of Life Humanitarian Awards for supporting the City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute. All proceeds of this occasion were shared by the association and City of Hope and will go towards the establishment of a research wing for the National Boxing Association.

THE DOWNTOWN ATHLETIC CLUB OF New York City held its annual "Salute to Boxing Greats" awards dinner in November. Former champions Jose Torres and Carlos Ortiz were this year's honorees. Torres, currently the chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, received the Rocky Marciano Award. Ortiz, who won both the lightweight and junior lightweight championships, received the DAC "Boxing Greats Award."

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERAN Boxers Association recently honored the following old timers: Phil Alvarado, Dante Benedetti, Paul Cavagnaro, George Duke, Johnny Lotsey and Richie Shinn at their semi-annual dinner-dance held at the Sheraton Inn in Burlingame, California.

FORMER GREAT WELTER OF THE ROARing twenties Izzy Grove, who for the past 25 years has been the distributor of the boxing posters and window cards for the Madison Square Garden fights, would like to say hello to all his friends throughout the country. Izzy's picture appeared on the front cover of *The Ring* in the late 20's.

THE GOLD COAST BOXERS ASSOCIAtion of Florida, Ring #7, recently honored Harry Brennan as the outstanding referee of the year in Florida. A plaque was presented to Brennan, who has refereed nearly 1500 bouts, for his work in both the professional and amateur ranks.

THE SICK LIST—A NUMBER OF EXfighters are hospitalized: Coley Wallace, the only man to beat Rocky Marciano (in the amateurs) is recuperating from a triple by-pass operation at New York Hospital. Chappie Roberts, well known fight trainer from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and member of Ring 3I, recently underwent surgery and is still in the hospital. Frankie Caris, 1930's middleweight who fought Gus Lesnevich, is in a Valley Forge, Pennsylvania hospital. Mike Evans, former lightweight contender who fought Bob Montgomery and Ray Robinson, is in Byberry Hospital, in Philadelphia. Pete Tomasco, Pensylvania's senior referee, is hospitalized in New Jersey. Lew Massey, former lightweight contender who fought Benny Bass, Lou Ambers, Eddie Cool, Tony Morgano and many others, is in the Philadelphia Veterans Hospital. Let's all wish these former greats a speedy recovery.

FROM THE WEST COAST COMES WORD that Lillian McLarnin, wife of Jimmy McLarnin, has recently passed away. A great lover of boxing, she attended all the big affairs with husband Jimmy.

Bennie Ford, popular and colorful promoter of the San Francisco area, recently passed away.

Joe Sekyra, age 77, former light heavyweight of the 1920s and 30s, died in Arcadia, California. Sekyra was known as the "Bohemian Bearcat." He beat Jim Braddock twice and also fought Max Schmeling and Jersey Joe Walcott. □

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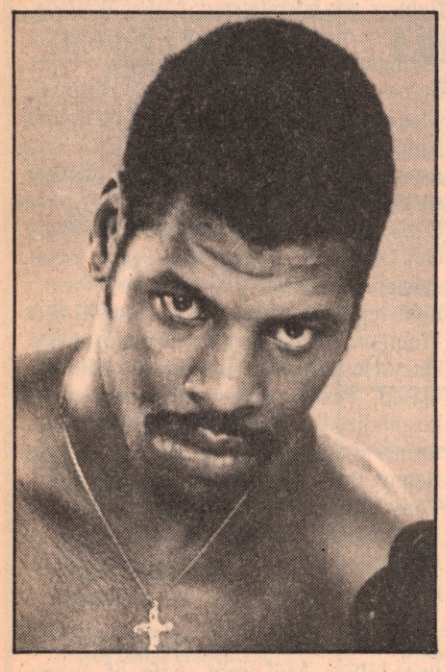
FOR MICHAEL SPINKS
IBF heavyweight champion

Q: Since you beat Larry Holmes there have been rumors of you defending against everyone from Gerry Cooney to Bernard Benton. Who would you really like to fight in your first defense?
J.D.B., ORLANDO, FLA

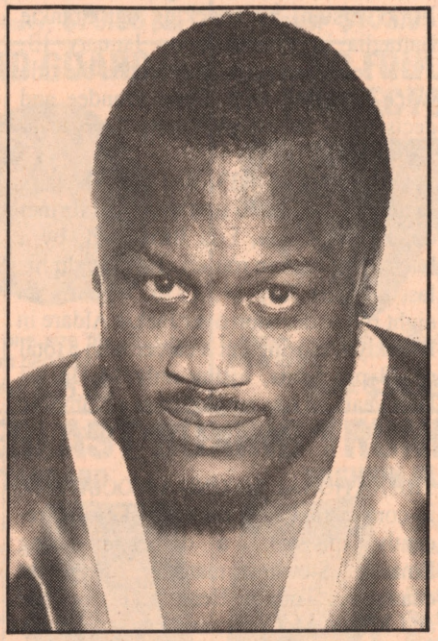
A: I never get involved in picking opponents. I feel I have the talent, ability and knowledge to defeat anybody I go up against.



FOR LEON SPINKS
Former world heavyweight champion

Q: Now that your brother Michael is the heavyweight champion, would you want to fight him for your old title?
A.D., SAN DIEGO, CA

A: I'd never fight my brother. Blood is thicker than mud. I may even go down to light heavyweight. My brother came up in my field, I may go down in his field.



FOR JOE FRAZIER
Former world heavyweight champion

Q: Many medical experts claim that a long boxing career will practically assure that a fighter will incur brain damage. You fought many tough bouts against the best heavyweights in the world. Have you suffered any ill effects?
D.M., MONTICELLO, IL

A: I got knocked down seven times by George Forman, and I don't have any problems. And I believe I could still go a couple more times.

FOR MUHAMMAD ALI
The Greatest

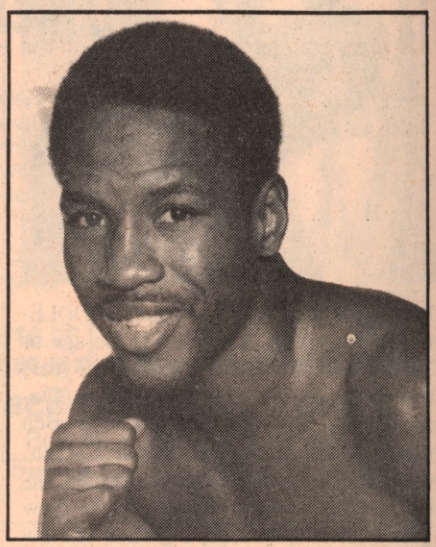
Q: Do you miss boxing?
S.N., HIGHTSTOWN, N.J.

A: No, I'm 43 now. I have drunk the wine of success and I'm still high—even though I'm not boxing. Ask anybody today in boxing or on the street "Who is the greatest boxer of all time?" and they'll still say "Muhammad Ali."

FOR RAPHE SIMS
Super featherweight prospect

Q: I read that you were almost killed in an industrial accident a few years ago when you were crushed between two cargo containers. What made you decide to return to the ring?
T.B., HOUSTON, TX

A: I saw guys fighting as professionals that I had beaten as amateurs. There they were getting all this money and attention. I wanted some of that for myself.



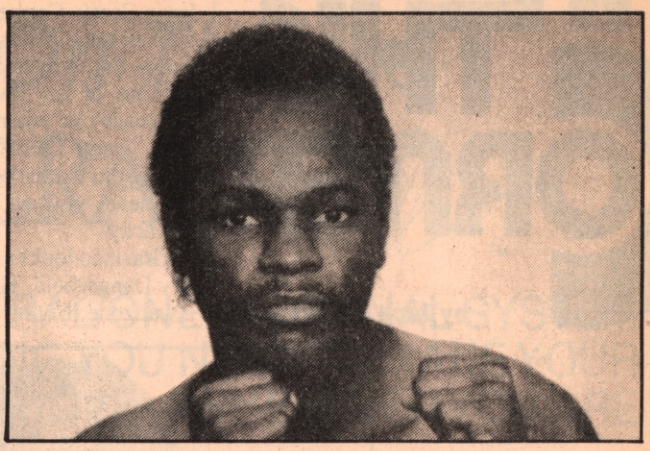
FOR TYRONE CRAWLEY
Lightweight contender

Q: Now that your title fight with Livingstone Bramble has been postponed for the third time, do you think you should have taken a chance and fought with your hand hurting?
D.N., PHILADELPHIA, PA

A: No, the doctor told me that he would go along with me if I decided to fight. But he said I would be risking permanent damage if I took a (cortisone) shot and went in there. I can't fight under those conditions with that on my mind.

JOHN DUPLESSIS LIGHTWEIGHT

NEW ORLEANS HAS A TRADITION OF PRODUCING SOME OF of the slickest boxers to ever lace on the gloves. Former world champions such as Joe Brown (lightweight), Willie Pastrano (light heavyweight) and Ralph Dupass (junior middleweight) all hailed from New Orleans, and all were known for their ring smarts and wily boxing skills. The latest Cresent City fighter to be compared with these heroes of the past is lightweight John (Super D) Duplessis. At the tender age of 19, Duplessis has already rolled to an unbeaten 16-0 (12 KOs) record as a professional . . . John has been boxing since he was nine when he enrolled in a summer boxing program for disadvantaged youngsters . . . "I was from a bad housing project," remembers Duplessis. "I'm an only child and I used to get in fights all the time at school, but boxing kept me off the streets and away from drugs and alcohol." . . . Duplessis went on to have a fine amateur career, winning 145 of 152 bouts, but turned pro rather than wait until the 1988 and try for a berth on the Olympic team . . . "I've seen too many fighters burn themselves out in the amateurs," says Duplessis' manager Leslie Bonano . . . Duplessis is not content to be just a boxer. He is enrolled at a local community college, studying criminal justice. This ties in nicely with his job as an athletic coach with the New Orleans Sheriff's Office. A very civic-minded young man, John also teaches Sunday school and works with kids at the same summer camp where he began boxing 10 years ago . . . In addition to his regular gym sessions, Duplessis also works with Mackie Shilstone, the sports nutritionist who helped Michael Spinks prepare for his title-winning fight with Larry Holmes . . . "Mr. Shilstone has been a great help to me," says John. "I like to eat a lot and I used to put on too much weight. But he (Shilstone) taught me about the right kind of foods, and also helped me with his weight-lifting and running program." . . . Although not considered a one-punch knockout artist, Duplessis' kayo percentage is still quite respectable . . . "He's not a dancer," says Bonano. "He fights. John is very fast and catches a lot of guys off-balance with his punches." . . . Another highly knowledgeable fight person who thinks Duplessis is headed for stardom is Lou Duva, who observed "Super D" in action on a recent trip to Louisiana . . . "As soon as John gets his maturity and confidence, he'll be someone to be reckoned with," said Duva. "He reminds me a lot of Sugar Ray Leonard. I wish I had him." □



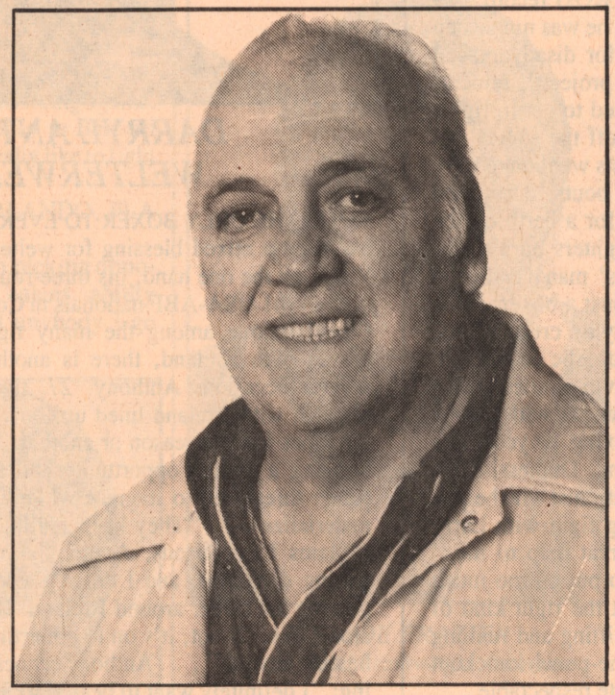
DARRYL ANTHONY WELTERWEIGHT

BEING THE ONLY BOXER TO EVER BEAT MARK BRELAND has been a mixed blessing for welterweight Darryl Anthony. While on the one hand, his three-round decision over Breland in the 1981 USA-ABF nationals in Concord, California, makes Darryl unique among the many fighters who have crossed gloves with Breland, there is another side to the coin. On several occasions Anthony, 27, thought he had a lucrative rematch with Breland lined up, only to see the bout go down the tubes for one reason or another. In the meantime, wary of blowing a golden opportunity and a big payday, Anthony's career threatened to stagnate while he waited for the match to materialize . . . "They keep stalling on the Breland match," explains Pete Susens, Anthony's co-manager. "Darryl was getting disgusted, and I don't blame him. There is no sense gearing his career around Breland. If the Breland fight comes along, fine. If not, it's on to other things. Darryl is capable of beating anyone" . . . Anthony echoes Susens' sentiments, saying: "I definitely want to beat Mark Breland (again), but that's not my No.1 goal or anything. I'm looking for any fight that's going to further my career." . . . Although Anthony lost a decision to future WBA junior welterweight champion Johnny Bumphus in the 1980 Olympic trials, he enjoyed a highly successful amateur career. He compiled an overall amateur record of 200-15, winning three St. Louis Golden Gloves titles along the way . . . Since turning pro with a second-round TKO over Carlos DeJesus in Atlantic City on August 4, 1982, Anthony has built a solid 22-2-1 record, featuring 16 knockouts. However, it hasn't been all smooth sailing. He dropped an eight round decision to Tom Baker in '83 and was stopped by Dennis Horne in '84 . . . "Darryl won his first eight fights, and we sort of got caught up in his success," says trainer/co-manager Jim Howell. "He stepped up from six to eight rounders, but he just wasn't ready." . . . Since then, Anthony has managed to put his losses behind him, winning his last eight in a row. This streak has encompassed some pretty decent fighters, including Anthony Bryant (KO7), Bobby Joe Young (KO9), and Pete Seward (KO8). In his most recent start, Daryll ended a five-month layoff by outpointing Ricky Haynes . . . A graduate of Hazelwood Central High, Anthony is only three credit hours away from an accounting degree from Florissant Community College. So, if the coveted match with Breland ever comes to pass, Darryl won't have any trouble counting his money. □

IN THIS CORNER

by Jack Obermayer

CARMEN GRAZIANO (Trainer)



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THE SWEET SCIENCE HAS MANY PRACtitioners, but few pedigrees. A squadron of speakers, but only a scruple of spielers. A ton of transient trainers, but only a centimeter's worth of certified coaches.

Looking for a pedigree coach, a certified spieler? Then look no further than this month's "In This Corner," Carmen (The King of Specificity) Graziano. Who says? Why, none other than Carmen himself. That's who.

Here is a gent so entrenched in self-esteem he makes most trainers seem like they are suffering from an inferiority complex. Perhaps—just perhaps—Muhammad Ali or Don King may have used the pronoun "I" more times than our worthy wizard of wisdom. But I doubt it. He can extrapolate the extemporaneous as well as anyone in the business. In fact, he damn near smothers you every time he opens his mouth.

Graziano can be amusingly confusing and skillfully insightful at the same time, much like a boxing version of Professor Irwin Corey. Carmen never leaves himself third-in-ten, deep in his own babbling. His verbal first downs are legend.

"One of my favorite expressions (he has many) is: potential unrealized equals zero," says Carmen. "It's like winking at a girl in the dark. I know I winked, but she never saw me. I train the brain, not the body."

Graziano looks a bit like an Italian Rodney Dangerfield. His wardrobe resembles a war zone. But his boxing credentials are undeniable.

It's been a long haul since his high-school days in South Philadelphia, when all he wanted was to be as good a ball player as classmate Danny Mattie. But alas, poor Carmen was saddled with brains as well as brawn. A pre-med student at Villanova University when World War II began, Carmen then enrolled in Columbia University's officer's training program. As a Naval officer, he served in the special services' athletic department.

Following his release from the Navy, Graziano worked for a while for the Parke-Davis pharmaceutical house as a salesman. In the evenings, he teamed up with his late twin brother to train fighters at the Olympia Gym. One of his first major pupils was Joey Giardello.

Carmen was with Giardello through the lean years of greasy spoons, tough towns, and even tougher fights. But a dispute with Joey's co-manager left Carmen sitting in the third row when Giardello finally won the middleweight title from Dick Tiger in 1963.

Undaunted, Graziano continued in boxing. Over the years, he has been associated with a number of "name" fighters, including Len Matthews, Von Clay, Don Warner, and Mike Rossman. In the early 1970s, he left a dry cleaning business in Philadelphia and moved to southern New Jersey, where he ran a number of bar/restaurants in the Vineland area. He finally settled in Brigantine, where he currently resides with his wife.

At the present, Graziano, known to his pupils as the Professor of Punch, holds forth at Archer's Gym in Clementon, N.J. His classes are attended by such winners as Carl (The Truth) Williams, Kip Kane, Calvin Grove, John Collins, Ray Ray Gray, Joey Ferrell, and Georgie Navarro. On nights when he's not working in someone's corner, Carmen can usually be found ringside, pontificating on the finer points of the Manly Art.

"Most trainers don't have any imagination," says Carmen. "They teach the same mechanical moves. After I teach my fighters, I tell them, 'You have all the smarts, now use your imagination, your natural stuff.' I can take you to six or seven gyms and show you the errors that are being committed. I'm head and shoulders above these guys. That's why I win 90%."

Graziano, a hale and hearty 63, is an emotional man, hardly one to hide his feelings. He was recently bounced from a corner for too much verbal coaching during the round. Then there was the time he iced a well-known matchmaker with a lightning left hook because he thought one of his young prospects had been fed a ringer. And if the equally volatile Lou Duva is in the opposite corner, the sparks really fly.

Love him or hate him, Carmen Graziano is a hard man to ignore. His often controversial opinions could fill volumes. Here, as sort of a finishing combination, are two of his most acerbic comments on the current fight scene:

"Michael Spinks is not a good identity for boxing. He's absolutely inarticulate. That's not what we're looking for."

"The only certainty about the officials in the state of New Jersey is the uncertainty of the judges."

There you have it, Carmen Graziano in all his verbose glory. More than just a respected and successful trainer, he's one of the amazing characters who help make boxing the most colorful sport in the world. We wouldn't have it any other way. □

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